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## *Park Lawn "A Day In The Sun" Golf Outing*

Golfers are invited to Park Lawn's 28th Annual "A Day in the Sun" Invitational Golf Tournament on July 15. This year's tournament will be played at Prestwick Country Club in Frankfort. Throughout the past 27 years, "A Day in the Sun" has raised more than $500,000 towards Park Lawn's endowment, a fund established to ensure the future success of the organization.

Golfers who participate in Park Lawn's "A Day in the Sun" golf invitational will enjoy a breakfast buffet with registration beginning at 10:30 a.m. The shot gun golf will begin at 12:15 p.m. with lunch being served on the course. Throughout the day each golfer will experience 18 challenging and picturesque holes of golf with cart and caddy, cocktail reception, dinner, raffles and awards.

For registration information and fees, contact Park Lawn's Development Office at (708) 425-6867 or visit www.parklawn.com.

Park Lawn's Golf Outing Committee prepares for the 28th Annual Golf Tournament scheduled for July 15. Back: Todd Navarrete of Palos Heights. Front: Chairman Bill Snow of Naperville, Bob Thomalla of Frankfort, Lisa Greybill of Westmont, Jim Klick of Crest Hill, Jim Harrigan of Oak Lawn, and Tom Olofsson of Chicago. Not Pictured: Peter Rhee of Frankfort and Donna Dumke of Oak Lawn.

## Weekly Film Discussion

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**How to Reduce the Cook County Jail Inmate Population**

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*Former St. Xavier President Has Passed Away*

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## *Schutt Family Welcomes Baby Girl*

**Amelia Jeanne Marjorie Schutt was born on Tuesday, June 18th at 8:21 p.m. at Metro South Hospital weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces and 20 inches long. Baby Amelia has a big brother Noah, 16 months. She is the daughter of Megan and Jim Schutt, of Oak Forest. Her grandparents are Nancy Mchall of Midlothian, David Mchall of Rolling Meadows and Cindy and Ed Schutt of Orland Park. Best wishes to the proud and happy family.**

## Cruising For A Cause Motorcycle Run And Car Cruise-In

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Motorcycle

Staging will commence at 9 a.m.

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## Jenny's Make-A-Wish Golf Outing

# Encourage Students To Enter Cream Of The Crop Photo Contest

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# Zalewski Sponsors Measure

# *Longtime Bricklayers Union Leader Has Passed Away*

Edward F. Joyce, 90, died of a stroke Monday, June 24, in his home in West Roseville where he had lived for more than [illegible] years. He was the husband of Mary Ellen Joyce.

Mr. Joyce was a leader in what is now known as the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Administrative District Council of Illinois for more than [illegible] years. He was first a business agent and later served as secretary and treasurer.

According to his brother Mr. Joyce was a proud Irish Catholic family. His grandfather John F. Joyce was one of the founders of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America. His father Edward was president of a local Bricklayers Local 21 and his brother also John F. was president of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers based in Washington.

Mr. Joyce grew up on Chicago's South side. He attended St. Rita High School in Chicago. He joined his father's union and went to work as a bricklayer. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was already married to his late wife Mary, who died in 2002. They were married for 68 years.

After the war Mr. Joyce continued to work as a bricklayer. He started and ran his own construction company, which gave him the opportunity to see labor issues from the management side. His company closed before he became a business agent for Local 21 around 1978. As business agent he was a field representative for the union. He dealt with employers, handled grievances and assisted members with problems, including helping them find work. The territory he covered took in much of Cook County west of Western Ave. and south of Madison St. Mr. Joyce became the secretary treasurer of his union in 1998. He retired about 10 years ago.

Mass was said Saturday, June 29 at St. Gaetano Church, Chicago, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. Joyce is survived by his children Edward (Mary Kay), Joseph (Suzanne), John (Erika), Thomas (Barbara), Maryellen and James (Peggy), twenty grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

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# *Hunter Responds To Concealed Carry*

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## *Urge Additional Commitment*

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-3rd) at a special House Rail Subcommittee meeting this week on rail issues in Northeastern Illinois touted the CREAIL rail initiative as a model for a successful public-private partnership. Rail and highway projects, such as grade separations and rail electric buses, must be a mix of a priority group for award with the program. Joining Rep. Lipinski at the bipartisan hearing in Chicago were Rail Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Jeff Denham (CA-10), Rep. Robby Roe (IL-8), Rep. Cheri Bustos (IL-17) and Rep. Rodney Davis (IL-13).

CREAIL has been a strategic transportation success story by bringing the private and public sectors together in a bipartisan partnership. I am committed to fighting for funding for large projects in our region and nation to create jobs and provide relief to local residents from bad rail and highway congestion," Rep. Lipinski said. "Looking at the CREAIL projects that have been completed so far, the greatest emphasis has been on smaller, rail spur projects. There has been less progress on the larger projects that, in the view of repeat speaker [illegible], are best [illegible] to the public.

CREAIL [illegible] funds for the [illegible] Regional Environmental [illegible] A Transportation Efficiencies Program, is a package of 28 projects to make the region's rail system more efficient, resulting in improved safety, better commuter service and reduced highway congestion, enhancing the quality of life for residents and creating jobs and economic development. In 2008, Rep. Lipinski secured the first $100 million for the program, which is funded through contributions from federal, state and local governments as well as the Metra and commuter rail roads.

According to testimony at all of the projects in CREAIL are completed, half of commuter delays caused by freight rail congestion would be eliminated locally and $[illegible] in economic activity generated. Last week, Rep. Lipinski called on the state projects of CREAIL that would be [illegible] passenger [illegible] Of the 28 projects [illegible] separate spots where both [illegible] are [illegible] and four are under construction, with [illegible] finishing whatever [illegible].

"I believe one way to [illegible] is to prioritize [illegible] the Projects of Regional and National Significance [illegible] identify those projects that are deserving of significant federal investment," Lipinski said. "But we also require a increased commitment from the other CREAIL partners including local government [illegible] and the railroads themselves."

Rep. Lipinski, the state's senior member on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, is the [illegible] member of the House Bipartisan [illegible] Transportation [illegible] A Infrastructure Committee [illegible] A [illegible] Committee [illegible]

## All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-3) has asked All Points to remind residents of Cook, DuPage and Will counties hit by severe storms and flooding this spring that they have until Tuesday, July 9 to apply for federal assistance. Residents and businesses impacted by the severe weather from April 16 to May 8 can register by calling the Federal Emergency Management Agency's toll-free registration line at 800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 800-462-7585 to find out if they are eligible for disaster assistance. Registration can also be done online at www.disasterassistance.gov.

"I know many in the Third District suffered serious damage from the severe weather and continue to deal with the aftermath," Rep. Lipinski said. "Even those of you who sustained minor damage or are not certain if you qualify for help, I urge you to contact FEMA to learn more about what aid may be available for you."

Following torrential rainstorms that damaged homes and businesses across the state, Rep. Lipinski joined the rest of the Illinois delegation this spring to ask the President to back the governor's request for federal aid. According to FEMA, as of June 27, more than 45,000 applications in Illinois have been approved to receive aid totaling a combined $114.3 million.

For more information, visit the Illinois Disaster website at www.fema.gov/disaster/4116.

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Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford sent All Points the following reminder regarding the highly acclaimed I-Cash Program which his office administers.

"The I-Cash program helps reunite owners with their unclaimed property. The Unclaimed Property Division has $1.7 billion in cash, plus contents from Illinois safe deposit boxes that have been inactive for at least five years. During Rutherford's first year in office, the program marked the first time in history that the treasurer's office returned more than $100 million to the people who owned those assets. The total returned for 2012 was $129 million, a 27 percent increase over the previous year. In past administrations, the I-Cash program returned about $80 million annually to owners. It's common for people to lose track of their assets when they move or when loved ones pass away. Businesses and banks are required to turn over unclaimed accounts to the treasurer's office.

Some examples of unclaimed property currently held by the treasurer's office include the following: Money from inactive savings and checking accounts. Unpaid wages or commissions. Stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Money orders and bill overpayments. Paid up life insurance policies and Safe deposit box contents.

The treasurer's Unclaimed Property Division's costs, including staff, computers and travel, are paid for through the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund, and not by tax dollars.

To find out if you have unclaimed property through I-Cash, you can visit the treasurer's website at www.treasurer.il.gov and follow the I-Cash link. The website is updated weekly to reflect new properties remitted to the office. Additionally, our I-Cash teams conduct regular outreach across the state, place twice-annual notices in newspapers and send direct mail to new single-owner claimants with property worth more than $100. You can contact the Unclaimed Property Division by calling (217) 785-6998 or emailing mail@i-cash.illinois.gov, although searches cannot be completed by telephone.

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Recently Congressman Bill Foster (D-11) released the following statement on the bipartisan Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act of 2013, which passed with a vote of 68-32 in the Senate:

"I am very pleased to see the strong bipartisan support in the Senate for passage of a comprehensive package that includes a plan to secure our border, a path to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the country, and a more secure and efficient system for legal immigration.

"I am especially pleased to see that this plan includes an expedited path to citizenship for DREAMers and access to federal student aid, because we shouldn't be pushing away talented young students from the only home they have ever known. We should give them a chance to succeed.

"The path to passing reform isn't simple, and the final plan will likely contain some painful compromises. But when we create a path to citizenship for our friends, our family and our neighbors who are good, law abiding members of society who just want to build better lives for themselves and their families, we all benefit."

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After failing short in the spring legislative session and producing no resolution at special session this week, state Rep. Bob Rita is hopeful he and his colleagues can reach agreement on a serious solution for the state's pension crisis this summer.

The Illinois House and Senate have pursued significantly different ways to handle the state's pension shortfall, which now stands at about $100 billion. Downgrades on state bonds from credit rating agencies prompted Gov. Pat Quinn to bring legislators back to Springfield yesterday. Legislators did not vote on a solution but did set up a special committee to come up with an answer.

The 10-member conference committee, led by Democrats who control the House and Senate, now is charged with trying to set aside the ideological differences between the two chambers and reach a compromise that both chambers can approve and Gov. Quinn can sign into law.

Rita said he shares the frustration of many Illinoisans who want something done as pension costs squeeze out important state funding for education, health care and other vital services. He is hopeful the conference committee will lead lawmakers in the right direction.

"We have considered and debated a number of proposals on pensions for more than a year. Each time it seems we are on the right path, we haven't been able to get the job done," Rita said after Wednesday's special session. "But I believe my colleagues realize just how important it is that we deal with this problem, and deal with it now.

"The legislative leaders have appointed respected, knowledgeable legislators to the conference committee and I am confident they will take their job seriously. I am committed to reform that protects our teachers and state workers yet also gives us relief to make our budget work. I look forward to returning to Springfield next month to consider the committee's work and get to a solution as soon as possible."

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State Sen. Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago) proudly told All Points that her proposal creating the Diabetes Awareness Special License Plate passed the Illinois Senate.

"Every year, about 3.2 million deaths are attributed to diabetes complications," Hunter said. "Diabetes is the 6th leading cause of death in the nation, and we must get serious about making sure citizens are educated and aware regarding this chronic disease that continues plaguing our communities.

"I am happy to have joined forces with my House colleagues on both sides of the aisle to carry solid bipartisan legislation that's going to provide much needed funding to support Diabetes Awareness," Hunter added.

House Bill 1818 creates the Diabetes Awareness special license plate. The proceeds from sales and renewals of the special plates will fund grants for diabetes research.

This legislation now advances to the governor for signing.

# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## South Suburban College Hosting Open Auditions

The PAC Rats Theatre Company of South Suburban College will host open auditions for its fall production of "Move Over, Mrs. Markham," a frantic, frisky and fun farce by John Chapman and Ray Cooney. The show is to be directed by Hegewisch resident Dean Scaletti. Readings will be held on Thursday, July 11th and Friday, July 12th from 7 to 10:00 p.m. in the Kindig Performing Arts Center.

The action centers on Philip and Joanna Markham's top-floor flat, which is undergoing a complete refurbishment by Alister, the decorator. I pon hearing that the Markhams are going out for the evening, Alister sets up a date with Sylvia, their au pair. Unbeknownst to both, two others sets of hopeful lovers also arrange to meet at the supposedly empty flat. Enter exhibitionist book author Olive Harriet Smythe-an eccentric, dog-loving proper lady, who is looking for a new publisher. Not surprisingly, chaos and confusion ensue.

There are roles available for four males, and four females ages 20 to older. Auditions are open to the entire community and no experience is needed. Copies of the script will be on reserve in the SSC Library two weeks prior to auditions. (These are reading copies and may not be taken home.) The rehearsal schedule is posted on the theatre's website as a downloadable document.

South Suburban College is located at 15800 State Street in South Holland, Illinois, between Sibley Boulevard and 159th Street. The campus is convenient to Routes 94, 80, and 57. Free, ample, well-lit parking is available. For more information about auditions, email ssctheatre@sscc.edu or visit http://learn.sscc.edu/theatre and click on "AUDITIONS".

"Move Over, Mrs. Markham" will run Friday, Sept. 20th, Saturday, Sept. 21st and Friday, Sept. 27th at 8 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 28th at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 29th at 2 p.m.

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Wednesday July 17th: "FIESTA" (6:00pm - 10:00pm)
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Thursday July 18th: "FIESTA" (6:00pm - 10:00pm)
Beer Garden (6:00pm - 11:00pm)
Mainstage Entertainment: Maggie Speaks (7:30 pm)
Friday July 19th: "FIESTA" Alumni Night (6:00pm - 11:00pm)
Beer Garden (6:00pm - 1:00am)
Mainstage Entertainment: Timing's Everything (6:00pm)
Mainstage Entertainment: Hairbangers Ball (9:30pm)
Saturday July 20th: "FIESTA" (1:00pm - 11:00pm)
Beer Garden (1:00pm - 1:00am)
Mainstage Entertainment: C-4 Enter. (DJ) (2:00pm - 5:00 pm)
Mainstage Entertainment: Captains of Industry (6:00pm)
Mainstage Entertainment: Infinity (9:30pm)
Sunday July 21st: "FIESTA" (1:00pm - 10:00pm)
Beer Garden (Noon - 10:00pm)
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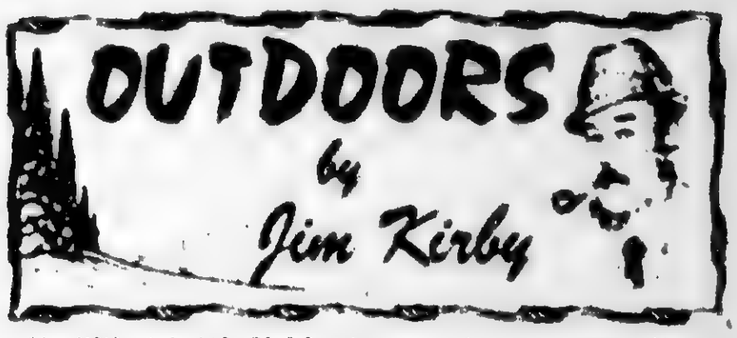


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# Lipinski Congratulates Chicago Blackhawks

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-3) delivered the following statement on the House floor last week, congratulating the Chicago Blackhawks on winning the 2013 Stanley Cup:

Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the 2013 Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks. Last night, serious quickly turned to joy when the Hawks netted two goals in [illegible] seconds [illegible] Coach. The crowd at Pepper Pike [illegible] erupted as Chelsea Dagger played and we celebrated a sixth Cup in four seasons. Congratulations especially to Captain Jonathan Toews, Conn Smythe Trophy winner Patrick Kane, and goalie Corey Crawford. But this was truly a team victory, from all the players on the ice to Coach Q, to GM Stan Bowman, to owner Rocky Wirtz, the entire organization deserves to be commended and I thank all of them for once again making us proud. I also want to congratulate the Boston Bruins for their great season and a hard-fought final Sunday at Original Six matchup. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Chicago Blackhawks and I look forward to seeing the Cup back in Chicago.

# Restrict Boating On The Fox River

Illinois Department of Natural Resources Conservation Police have temporarily restricted public access to a portion of the Fox River in Kane and McHenry counties due to swift currents, floating debris and submerged structures which have created conditions significantly hazardous for public navigation. These conditions also make it treacherous for emergency personnel who are called upon to respond to and rescue subjects involved in boating related incidents.

The restricted area is between the Montgomery Dam to the Stratton Dam until further notice.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has the authorization under state administrative rules to designate Restricted Boating Areas when conditions are significantly hazardous to the public.

Access to the affected portion of Fox River will be restored once conditions no longer present significant hazards to public navigation.

# "Hines Emerald Dragonfly Walk"

A "Hines Emerald Dragonfly Walk" a free all-ages program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County will be held on Saturday, July 13th at 9 a.m. at Lockport Prairie Nature Preserve. Registration is required for this program for persons at least 8 years of age.

For a few weeks each year the endangered Hine's Emerald Dragonfly emerges along the banks of the Des Plaines River. A partnership of local industries, volunteers and parks is working together to help protect this rare dragonfly.

Expert scientists from the Hine's Emerald Dragonfly Habitat Conservation Program will lead the hike. We will investigate the unique habitat that is home to the endangered butterfly and discuss and interest [illegible]

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# Remind Primary Care Physicians To Sign Up For Enhanced Medicaid Rates

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is reminding qualified primary care providers in the state's Medicaid program to sign up online for enhanced Medicaid rates by June 30th. As part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), certain qualified primary care providers will receive enhanced payments from the federal government for certain Medicaid primary care services provided through the end of 2014.

"This temporarily increased federal funding should help boost participation in the Medicaid program, which will help increase access to care and result in better outcomes for our most vulnerable populations," HFS Director John Hamos said.

In order to receive the enhanced payments, qualified providers must first file an attestation form that is available on the HFS website. HFS is encouraging providers to sign up online at http://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/PCPAttest/Pages/default.aspx instead of using the paper format.

The effective date for the enhanced Medicaid payments for physicians who submit their attestation forms no later than June 30th will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 2013. If submitted after June 30th, the effective date for the enhanced payments will be the date the attestation form is received by HFS, not retroactive. The enhanced rates will be paid for services with dates of service on and after the effective date through Dec. 31, 2014.

To be eligible for enhanced Medicaid payments, physicians must first attest that they meet at least one of the following criteria:

• Hold board certification from the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Board of Physician Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association in pediatric medicine, internal medicine or family medicine, or

• 60 percent of the Medicaid codes paid during the most recently completed calendar year or for newly eligible providers, the prior month, were for eligible procedure codes specified in the regulation.

More information about the enhanced Medicaid payments and eligibility requirements is available at the HFS website at http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/assets/06101301nl.pdf.

# Woodstock Folk Festival

The 28th Annual Woodstock Folk Festival will be held on Sunday, July 21st from 12:30 to 6 p.m. on the historic Woodstock Square in Woodstock, Illinois. Admission to the all-day Sunday Festival is a suggested donation of $15 for adults, $25 for a family and $10 for students and seniors. For more information, e-mail woodstockfolkfestival@gmail.com or visit on the web at www.woodstockfolkfestival.org. Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are available.

With a diverse musical lineup and a variety of activities for people of all ages, this long-running festival offers something for everyone. Award winning radio host Rich Warren ("The Midnight Special," "Folkstage," and "Sweet Folk Chicago") joins longtime Festival MC Chuck Vanderpennet in co-hosting the festival for the fifth year in a row.

While most of the festival takes place outdoors in Woodstock Square, the Open Mic Stage will be at the air-conditioned Stage Left Cafe (next to the Woodstock Opera House on the Square). In case of rain, the festival will be held at the Unity Spiritual Center of Woodstock, which is located at 225 W. Calhoun St. (at Dryden), just a couple blocks southwest of the Square.

# Unclaimed Property Auction

A United States Olympic coin set, a lot of Liberty Head gold pieces, and a Martha Washington one dollar note from 1886 are just some of the items that Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford is offering in the next Illinois Treasurer's Online Unclaimed Property Auction. It starts at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 8 and will begin closing at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 12. If you are interested in seeing the items up for bid, go to the treasurer's office's website at www.treasurer.il.gov and click on the auction preview button.

"We are auctioning off 258,672 pieces of unclaimed property in the Illinois Treasurer's Online Unclaimed Property Auction because the rightful owners have not come forward to claim the items in more than five years," said Rutherford. "We are exclusively focusing on coins to sell in this auction. Coin collectors throughout the state will want to make sure to put this on their calendar." All items for sale in this auction have been appraised by an outside vendor. The sale price of each lot must reach at least 75 percent of the appraised value.

Buyers are responsible for purchasing their auction winnings with either Visa or Mastercard (other arrangements will be available for purchases over $10,000). In addition, a 7 percent administrative fee will be assessed. Buyers are also required to pay for shipping through the preferred list of vendors.

Rutherford has chosen to conduct this unclaimed property auction online because it's more cost effective than having a live, in-person auction. "Using this process cuts auction costs significantly," said Rutherford. Under the previously used eBay auction system, it cost the treasurer's office approximately $24,000 to sell a similarly appraised amount of unclaimed property. Under Rutherford's online system, the cost of an auction totals between $900 and $2,200 because the treasurer's office uses the iBid program to sell items with a total appraised value exceeding $100,000 per auction.

"The savings from using iBid versus eBay is, about $27,000 per auction, which I'm holding three times each year," said Rutherford. In addition, Rutherford says using this online auction requires less time and attention from salaried employees, plus no physical space, hardware or security expenses.

If you would like to participate in the upcoming 2013 Illinois Treasurer's Online Unclaimed Property Auction, visit www.treasurer.il.gov and follow the link to the auction. One must register to become an active bidder. For questions about registration, contact (217) 785-6998.

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# Seniors Receive Academic Letter Awards

Oak Lawn Community High School awarded Academic Letter Awards to seniors who maintained at least a 3.75 GPA for both semesters of the 2012-13 school year. Seniors who earned the award for the first time received a chenille embroidered honors patch while students who achieved the honor again were presented with gold bars for their patches.

First time recipients included Cheyenne Aaron, Amal Al Sheikh, Grace Brooks, Nour Dakhlallah, Jeremy Eckert, Saphe Falanch, Cristian Garcia, Nicole Kilcran, Moises Lopez, Viorel Maftei, Casey O'Connell, and Paige Sylvester.

Second year honorees included Nicholas Demas, Julie Eble, Nick Garcia-Lara, Brylle Handang, Marcin Krzysiak, Aliya Murray, Bartlomiej Niemiec, Emma Roza, Hayley Swigart, Thomas Theiss, and Katelyn Turney.

Third year honorees included Marc Augustine, Jr., Samuel Bernier, Jocelyne Candelas, Kathleen Cortes, Skye Darnell, Matthew Figus, Zachary Frazier, Jakub Gil, Dominik Gorecki, Eliana LaSpina, Samantha Lovecky, Claudia Maka, Meghan Minutella, Cristal Munoz, Kaitlyn Murbach, Rebecca Procter, Sage Rashadeh, Joseph Saldivar, Kathleen Sandrik, and Yusra Sarhan.

Students earning the honor for the fourth consecutive year included Iesneim Awadallah, Rachel Burba, Cathal Burke, George Capetanos, Kyle Cheng, Weronika Ciezczak, Nicholas Contino, Jessica Cosenza, Sean Dunne, Jamie Evtuch, Christopher Figus, Nathaly Gal, Fidencio Gonzalez, Miranda Gray, Lorenzo Gudino, Emily Harris, Steven Henry, Jenna Hurckes, Robert Kametas, Margaret Kolf, Ronald Luce, Thomas Mallon, John Morgan, Conner Niemiec, Barbara Pajor, Carley Polk, Christopher Rafacz, Christine Richter, Jessica Schlesser, and Christy Turner

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## Oak Lawn Police Calls

On June 25, Kenyon R. Shelton of Oak Lawn was arrested for driving on a suspended license and making an illegal right after a traffic stop in the 4500 block of W. 95th Street.

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On June 26, Tiffany M. Wentworth of Palos Hills was arrested for disorderly conduct and the illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor after police responded to a noise complaint outside a home in the 10100 block of S. Kildare. It was reported that Wentworth came outside and began shouting and insulting a woman as well as police officers before being arrested.

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On June 27, Krzysztof Chmielewski of Burbank was charged with driving without a license after a traffic accident that caused property damage. The accident took place in the 5900 block of W. 95th St.

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On June 17, an Oak Lawn man reported being stabbed in the stomach by an unknown offender who was setting off fireworks in the alley in the 9700 block of S. Marion Ave. The victim was riding his bike in the alley when he tried to alert another youth to "watch it." The other youth turned and told him "no you watch it," and stabbed him with a gold handled butterfly knife. The victim dropped his bike and jacket and was helped by residents who called 911. The victim was taken to Christ Hospital for treatment. His bike and other belongings were gone when the victim returned for it.

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On June 18, Robert K. Jones of Chicago was arrested for retail theft at the Jewel store at 9414 S. Pulaski Road. He took two steaks and body soap and was stuffing them in his pants in the store.

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On June 18, a man reported that someone stole several tools, including a sawzall and a drill from his work van while it was parked in the 11000 block of South Cicero Ave. The victim said that he was coming out of a doctor's appointment and saw a man climbing out of the back of the van. He stated that the offender drove off in a silver Mitsubishi. He gave the license number to the police.

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On June 18, employees of Dunkin Donuts 6705 S. Ridgeland reported that Hani S. Almaru of Bridgeview was smoking marijuana at a table outside the store. He was arrested and charged with one felony count of possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor possession of cannabis. Police reported that Almaru was carrying several Xanax pills and 23 grams of marijuana.

# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

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[illegible] Madigan and 37 other Attorneys General submitted a letter to Hagel in response to proposed new rules under the MLA. In 2007, Congress passed the MLA establishing a 36 percent cap on interest and fees on certain consumer credit transactions with service members. However, the U.S. Department of Defense's regulations currently limit the protections by three narrow definitions of consumer credit. Payday loans tools covering loans of up to $2,000, for a term of 91 days or less, Vehicle Title loans tools covering loans for a term of 181 days or less, and tax refund anticipation loans.

The limited lending products covered by the MLA have allowed predatory lenders to structure their high-cost loans in a way that evade the regulations. For instance, lenders offer payday loans starting at $2,001 or require a minimum repayment period of 92 days, allowing them to avoid the 36 percent interest rate cap.

"Service members are unfortunately prime targets for predatory lenders," Madigan said. "The Department of Defense must close the loop holes in the law because those who serve our country don't deserve to be defrauded by predatory lenders," she added.

Madigan and the other attorneys general stressed that the protections in the MLA should apply uniformly to all consumer credit loans. They also raised concern about a lack of coverage for any open-ended or revolving payday loans, any bank loan that is secured by funds on deposit, such as overdraft loans, and any retail sales credit loan or other similar credit transaction, including those where the loan charge is "incidental" to personal property that varies, in addition, in relationship to the amount of the credit advance.

Attorneys General from the following states joined Madigan in the letter to Hagel: California, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Montana, North Carolina, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Tennessee and Washington.

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Mario Meyer American Legion Post 293, 11001 Depot in Worth, will hold an Outdoor Music Fest on July 13th from 7 to 11 p.m. Reconjunto Band will furnish the music. All are welcome. If it is a rainy day, the event will be held indoors.

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Daniels Printing and Office Supply, Inc. in Oak Forest has partnered with Cell Phones For Soldiers to provide troops with free calls home. Daniels and Cell Phones for Soldiers are asking local residents to help troops call home by donating gently-used cellular phones. Although the military landscape is ever changing as many as 200,000 troops are serving in the U.S. Military around the world. By donating Cell phones local residents can provide troops with that precious connection to loved ones back home.

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Recently Congressman Bill Foster (IL-11) voted in support of H.R. 2216, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act and to take action to reduce the backlog in VA benefits claims. The legislation will increase the number of VA claims processors, invest in the transition to digital health records, establish backlog reduction metrics for regional VA offices, and create an integrated health records system with the Department of Defense. This legislation reaches a bipartisan compromise on funding levels and makes significant investments in fixing the veterans' medical records and claims backlog. Foster also voted to further reduce the backlog by using $9.2 million in unspent construction funds to hire additional claims processors.

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Did you know ... In 1984, President Ronald Reagan declared July as National Ice Cream Month, citing the food's "nutritious and wholesome" qualities. He decreed that patriotic Americans should mark the month with "appropriate ceremonies and activities."

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Quote of the Week: Since you are like no other being ever created since the beginning of time, you are incomparable. Brenda Ueland

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Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.

# "Cure Your Slice" Golf Clinic

To help you get ready for the Oak Lawn Chamber Golf Outing which will take place on July 10th, Stony Creek PGA leading pro [illegible] Cure Your Slice" Golf Clinic [illegible] Stony Creek Drive, Rose [illegible] Registration [illegible]

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The Oak Lawn Chamber will hold its annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, July 10th, at Stony Creek Golf Course, 5850 W. 103rd Street. The Golf Outing is the Chamber's largest fundraiser. Its major sponsor is Standard Bank & Trust Co.

The fee of $125 per person includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner and drinks. Other packages include $80 for golf and lunch or $55 for dinner and drinks. The Chamber will offer miniature golf beginning at 4:00 p.m. The cost is $70 per person for miniature golf and dinner or $15 for miniature golf only.

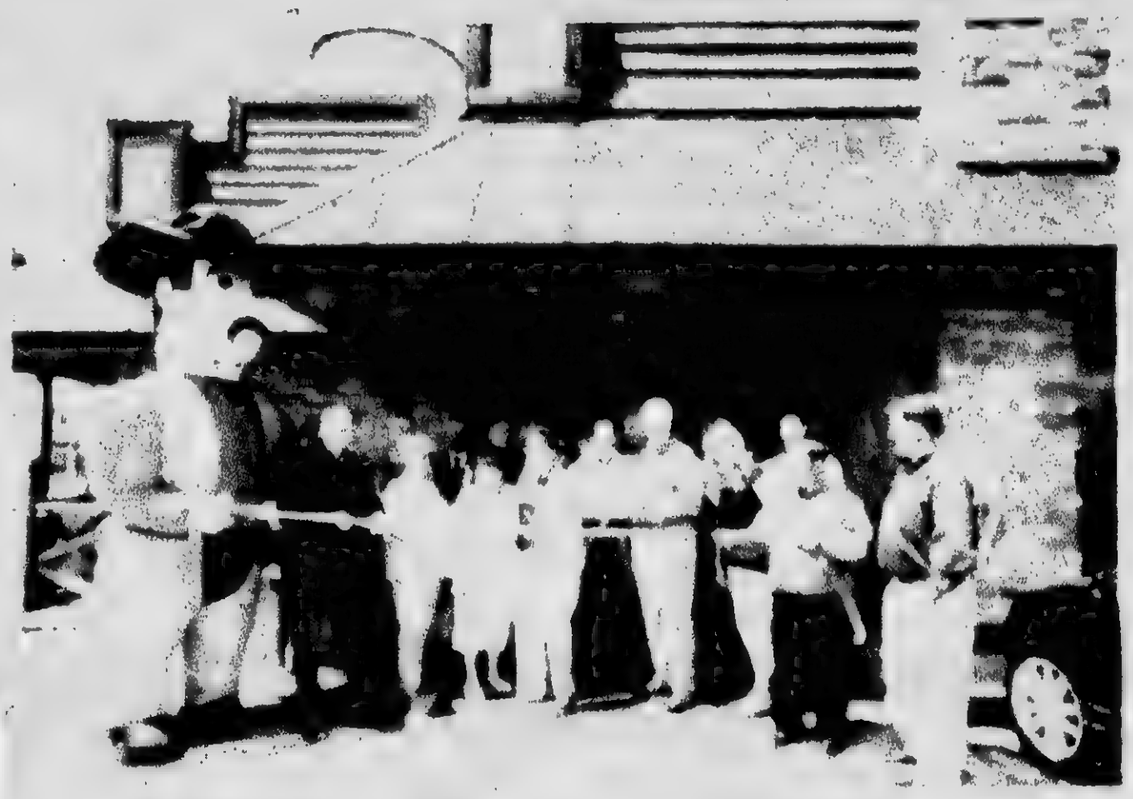
Golf registration begins at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m., and a shot-gun start at 12:30 p.m. An open bar will begin at the conclusion of golf, followed by a buffet dinner. Advance reservations will be taken on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

This year the Chamber will introduce a new, fresh and fun shot maker scramble format which gives players more ways to win. This is a new and adventurous way to play the course from a totally different perspective and promote a strategic team approach from the tees due to multiple shot options. Players are inspired to take calculated higher risk shots.

The outing will host a Special and Grand Raffle. The latter will feature a Hawk Ford Car Care Package $750, courtesy of Hawk Ford, 10 Karat Baguette and Round Diamond Ring $450, courtesy of W.A. Jewelers, Two Skybox Blake Shelton Concert Tickets, with VIP parking, $300, courtesy of First Midwest Bank, Amazon Kindle Fire HD8.9" with Standing Leather Cover $300 courtesy of The Private Bank, Framed Student Art Print, Priceless, courtesy of Park Lawn.

Grand raffle tickets cost $10 each or three for $25 and can be purchased in advance through the Chamber office or the day of the outing.

For more information, to make a reservation or purchase raffle tickets, contact the Chamber office at (708) 424-8300 or visit our website at www.oaklawnchamber.com.



# Texas Corral Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

**Chamber Members and Village Officials gathered on Friday, June 30th to welcome Texas Corral to Oak Lawn. Village Clerk Jane Quinlan cut the ribbon to officially open their new location at 6616 W. 95th Street.**

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There's still time to participate in the Oak Lawn Public Library's annual Summer Reading Program. Kids, teens and adults can all celebrate summer reading with "Dig Into Reading" or "Beneath the Surface." There will be nine weeks of reading entertainment, fun activities and fabulous prizes.

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Donate your "gently used" books, magazines, CDs and videos to the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Ongoing Book Sale at the library. Due to space limitations, the Friends will not accept Readers Digest Condensed Books, encyclopedias and older text books.

The donation drop-off area is near the library's Cook Avenue entrance. Interested parties may fill out a short form at the Reception Booth to receive a tax letter by mail that acknowledges their donation.

The Friends Ongoing Book Sale provides an ever-changing variety of books, magazines and other forms of media at bargain prices. Hardcover books cost 50 cents each, paperbacks are 25 cents and magazines cost five cents each. Audio visual items are priced as indicated. Funds collected from the book sale support library programming and purchases that are beyond their regular budget.

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The library will be closed Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. The library's regular hours are: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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A free family movie screening of "Annie" will be shown on Friday, July 5th at noon. Broadway musical based on the Little Orphan Annie comic strip. A young orphan girl's adventures in finding a family that will take her. No advance registration required. Children under eight must be accompanied by an adult. 1982. PG. 127 min.

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Pick up a copy of *Cinder* or *Scarlet* from the library and attend a book discussion and Skype chat with bestselling young adult author Marissa Meyer on Tuesday, July 9 at 7 p.m. Set in futuristic New Beijing, Cinder is cyborg retelling of Cinderella. All ages are welcome.

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A free movie screening of "Chicago" will take place on Wednesday, July 10 at 10 a.m. Murderesses Velma Kelly and Roxie Hart find themselves on death row together and fight for the fame that will keep them from the gallows in 1920s Chicago. Starring Catherine Zeta-Jones, Renee Zellweger and John C. Reilly. PG-13. 113 min. 2002. This movie is the eighth of 20 titles featured in the library's weekly "Reel Books" summer series of films that are based on books.

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The library will host "The Belize Whale Shark Expedition," a free family program for children of all ages, on Wednesday, July 10 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the lower level meeting rooms. Visit Central America to search and dive for the largest shark on the planet, the 40-foot, 10,000 pound whale shark.

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A free family movie screening of "The Fantastic Mr. Fox" will take place on Friday, July 12 at noon and Sunday, July 14 at 2 p.m. An urbane fox cannot resist returning to his farm raiding ways and then must help his community survive the farmers' retaliation. No advance registration required. Children under eight must be accompanied by an adult. 2009. PG. 87 min.

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A free movie screening of "Hitchcock" will be shown on Tuesday, July 16 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. A love story between influential filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock and wife Alma Reville during the filming of Psycho in 1959. Starring Anthony Hopkins, Helen Mirren and Scarlett Johansson. PG-13. 98 min. 2012. This movie is the ninth of 20 titles featured in the library's weekly "Reel Books" summer series of films that are based on books.

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Please note: The Ernest B. Jaski Oak Lawn Great Books Discussion Group does not meet June through August. The group will resume in September on the second and fourth Monday of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Patricia Ann Albert**

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Tinley Park Memorial Cemetery, for Patricia Ann Albert, 85. She was the wife of the late Archie Albert Jr. She worked at Minnesota Hancock Fabrics in Tinley Park for 30 years.

She is survived by her children Mary Boothe, Susan (Ronald) Baker and Archie Albert III (Denise), five grandchildren, one great grandchild, and her sister Kathleen Kelly.

**Earl Carl Antonson**

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Friday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemeteries, for Earl Carl Antonson of Wilmington, formerly of Chicago and Tinley Park. He was retired as President of Roberts and Schaefer Engineering. He was an active member of St. George Church and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

He is survived by his wife Shirley, his children Bob (Joan) Antonson, Deb (Dale) Schroeder, Cathy Shaw, Jill (Ross) Robilotta, June (Rob) Pfetter, Tom Antonson and Kim (Jim) Baker, sixteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Irene A. Bidese**

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, on Wednesday, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Irene A. Bidese, 90. She was a 1940 graduate of Fenger High School.

She is survived by her husband Earle C. Bidese, her children Donna (Bruce) Weld, Carla (Paul) Latwinski, John (Donna) Bidese and Robert (Cathy) Bidese, eleven grandchildren and many siblings.

**Joseph Crudo**

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, with entombment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Joseph Crudo, 84. He was the husband of the late Margarite.

He is survived by his children Joseph D., Robert (Christine) Crudo and Jacqueline (Dan) Budlas, five grandchildren and his brother Antonio.

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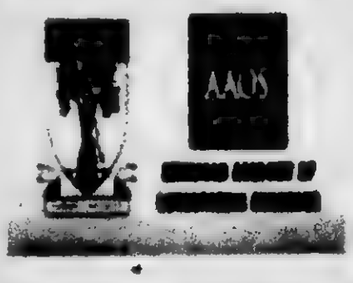
Children are not just small adults. Their bones and joints are still growing and need special care when injured or overused. For help on treating and preventing childhood injuries, visit the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (ipos.org) or the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (orthoinfo.org).

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# Weiler Asked To Retire

During the new business portion of the regular Oak Lawn Village Board Meeting, Trustee Carol Quinlan demanded to know why board members were not informed about the request for the retirement of Business Director Chad Weiler.

According to Quinlan, Weiler was asked to retire on July 2nd and given 22 days to sign the retirement papers. Quinlan said that in the 'spirit of transparency' which is the mantra of the newly elected board members and Mayor Sandra Bury and since there was only one regular board meeting for the month of July, this should have been brought up to the board at this current meeting.

This brought up discussion by board members that included accusations of the fact that Weiler, who for the most part has been the driving force behind many of the successful family events in the village, was not entirely supportive of the present mayor or new board members.

The discussion was cut short with Mayor Bury, supported by village Attorney Paul O'Grady, that this should be a discussion for an executive session, not in an open meeting. Village Manager Larry Deetjen alluded to the fact that there were facts that could not be discussed in open meeting.

In other business, Mayor Sandra Bury called for a Conflict of Interest disclosure policy concerning members of the board and those who hold appointed commissions. She explained that a conflict of interest which includes board commissioners or any of their family members who could gain personally, financially or otherwise, if they should vote on village business. She said that a board member should excuse him or herself from voting on an issue if there is a conflict of interest.

The board also discussed the use of Robert's Rules of Order at the meetings. Both Trustee Robert Streit and Carol Quinlan said that they felt that other board members and Mayor Bury were treating them unfairly. Quinlan pointed out that it seemed that only she and Trustee Streit have been gaveled down and ignored when they had something to say or were debating.

According to Robert's Rules, no one can stray off the issue or be derogatory to other people. Mayor Bury said that she reacts to what is being said and not to the person who said it. If the debate starts to get derogatory, she will dismiss the speaker.

After this debate subsided, Mayor Bury and board members agreed that they should carry on in a respectful manner and work for the good of the village.

The Board voted on several variance and rezoning ordinances that will allow the Walgreen's store at 95th and Melvina to move to McVicker Ave. The residential zoned parcel will be rezoned for commercial development. The First Midwest Bank building will be demolished making way for a smaller bank and the new Walgreen's.

Trustee Alex Olejniczak reported on his meeting with Commonwealth Edison and what the electric company is doing in regards to Oak Lawn's frequent power outages. According to the trustee, ComEd provided him with an overlay of what the company has done and is prepared to do. Much of the problems with the electric supply seems to come from aging infrastructure in parts of the village.

But in contention is the power company's reaction time to heavy rain and wind damage. Trustee Olejniczak said that he is complaining to the Illinois Commerce Commission on the company's lack of response time in Oak Lawn. He wants the power company to take responsibility for the outages and their consequences.

# Standard Bank Honored For Its Service To Local Communities

Standard Bank and Trust Co. is one of three recipients of the 2013 Illinois Bank Community Service Award from the Illinois Bankers Association (IBA). The awards were presented on June 26th during the 122nd Annual IBA Conference and Trade Show held in St. Louis. The award honors Illinois financial institutions that demonstrate a high level of service in their communities.

In selecting Standard Bank for this honor, the IBA reviewed the bank's entire portfolio of community service initiatives, not just a single project. Last year, Standard Bank employees volunteered their time and service to over 170 organizations in Illinois & Northwest Indiana. The bank donated more than $345,000 to local organizations in the Arts, Civic, Education, Health, Professional, and Youth areas. And many employees serve on boards of over 20 organizations and chambers of commerce.

Among the numerous community services the bank provided last year, the award cited the nearly 150 financial literacy workshops given by bank employees. More than 1,000 area residents attended these neighborhood workshops and were recipients of valuable information on budgeting, credit card management, and identity and internet safety. Standard Bank also made its branch locations available for the collection of food products, clothing and toys that are distributed to shelters and food pantries throughout its service area. In addition, employees worked with 27 Junior Achievement programs in local schools and mentored students in several other neighborhood youth programs. The bank's Muscular Dystrophy Association campaign raised enough funds to provide summer camp experiences for 35 local children affected with the disease.

# 2013-14 Schedule/ Textbook Pick-Up Days

Oak Lawn Community High School is hosting their 2013-14 schedule/textbook pick-up days on Tuesday, August 6, and Wednesday, August 7, in the Media Center from 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., and 4 to 7 p.m.

Parents/Legal Guardians will need to show proof of residency by providing the following three documents: 1) Current driver's license or state ID of Parent/Guardian indicating an address within the district; 2) Mortgage or rental documentation in the name of Parent/Guardian indicating the same address within the district; and 3) two Utility Bills (other than cell phone) in the name of Parent/Guardian indicating the same address within the district. Please be advised that it is a Class "C" misdemeanor to knowingly enroll a student who is not a resident of the district, or to knowingly provide false information regarding the residency of a student.

Questions about proof of residency can be directed to Mrs. Maria Vanderwarren in the District Office at (708) 741-5602. Students who pick-up their schedule/textbooks after August 14, will be assessed a $50 late fee.

Families who are new to the school district and have not yet registered or selected courses should contact Mrs. Maria Vanderwarren in the District Office at (708) 741-5602 to begin the registration process prior to the August Schedule/Textbook Pick-Up Days.

Enrollment fees for the 2013-14 school year includes a $365 general fee and additional fees for items such as driver education training, yearbooks, newspapers, and student parking requests. Fee payments are due upon registration. Additional information is available online at www.olchs.org.

The Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 serves portions of Hodgeview, Chicago Ridge, Oak Lawn, and Hometown. The boundaries are 87th Street on the north, 99th Street on the south, S. Pulaski Road/Crawford Avenue on the east, and Harlem Avenue on the west – a rectangle 4 miles wide east and west, 1-1/2 miles long north and south.

# "Everywhere Fun Fair"

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ of Oak Lawn invites the children of the community to their "Everywhere Fun Fair" Vacation Bible School from July 29th to Aug. 2nd from 9 until 11:30 a.m.

Each day will feature games, crafts, Bible stories and cool music with dance moves. Children age four through fifth grade are welcome. Cost is $5 per child for the whole week.

The church is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. Register at http://2013.vokesburyvbs.com/pilgrimfaithvbs or call 708-422-4200.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 15 Monday Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JULY 16 Tuesday Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

JULY 16 Tuesday OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, Lower Level Rotary Room, 7 p.m.

JULY 16 Tuesday Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JULY 17 Wednesday Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room 119, 7:30 p.m.

JULY 18 Thursday Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JULY 23 Tuesday OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JULY 24 Wednesday Farmers Market Dunke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday except Sept. 4th.)

JULY 24 Wednesday Green Team Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

JULY 25 Thursday OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

JULY 25 Thursday Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

JULY 25 Thursday Worth Township Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

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# Affordable Care Act...What It Means For Your Business

"Affordable Care Act: What It Means For Your Business" (You Now Have Time To Get It Right) will be the topic of discussion at the Chicago Southland Chamber's Regional Consensus Luncheon on Monday, July 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Tinley Park Convention Center (18451 Convention Center Drive in Tinley Park).

The discussion will be led by Laura Manzer, Associate Vice-President of Government Affairs & Executive Director at the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce along with Kenneth Jenero, Partner of Labor, Employment & Benefits Practice Group at Holland & Knight LLP.

The Illinois Chamber applauds the Obama Administration's decision to delay the Affordable Care Act (ACA) employer penalty provisions for employers with 50 or more employees until 2015. The decision handed down on July 2 is welcome relief to many employers in the public, non profit, and private sectors alike who have spent countless hours and resources over the last year or more wading through cumbersome and complex implementation regulations and guidance on this issue.

The Administration's decision to delay the employer mandate, however, is just that: a delay. There are still many unanswered questions and difficult issues to address that we look forward to working with policymakers and the Administration on addressing. These issues include pursuing a statutory change to the ACA's definition of a full-time employee from 30 hours per week to 40 hours per week and repealing the new health insurance tax, which is scheduled to take effect in 2014, that will add to the average cost of premiums for individuals and families in the individual and small group markets.

In the meantime, both Chambers' focus will remain on helping employers and their employees and families navigate the health reform law and their coverage options in 2014. Our number one concern is ensuring that employers and their employees – who are still beholden to the individual mandate to purchase coverage in 2014 – have access to affordable options next year.

The Regional Consensus is sponsored by: AT&T, Holiday Inn Hotel & Tinley Park Convention Center, and the SouthtownStar. Admission price is $35 per person or $340 per table for Chamber members and $45 per person or $440 per table for non-members. Please RSVP in advance to ensure a seat by calling the Southland Chamber office at (708) 957-6980 or at www.chicagosouthlandchamber.com. Reservations must be cancelled 48 hours in advance to receive a refund.

# Pass Bill To Spur High-Tech Job Creation

To help create jobs and improve access to digital technology, state Rep. Kelly Burke (D-Oak Lawn) recently passed legislation that will help to enhance Illinois' telecommunications infrastructure and encourage new high-tech job opportunities.

"By investing private dollars in our state's broadband infrastructure, this bill lays the groundwork for the jobs of tomorrow and will create many new opportunities for employers, educators and consumers," Burke said. "This bill is a crucial step toward building for our future."

Senate Bill 1664, sponsored by Burke, encourages private investment in upgrading Illinois' broadband Internet infrastructure. The upgrades aim to create numerous construction jobs to enhance and build the broadband network and lay the groundwork for new, high-tech job opportunities in the areas of health care, education, transportation, retail and public safety.

For its potential to create more jobs and as consumer protections, Burke's bill is supported by a number of business, labor and consumer groups, including the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Illinois AFL-CIO, Illinois State Conference of IBEW, IUOE Local 150, Laborers District Council - Chicago and Vicinity, and the Citizens Utility Board. The General Assembly unanimously approved the measure, which now awaits final approval by the governor.

"This legislation brought business, labor and consumer advocates to the table to reach an agreement on how to build a stronger economy," Burke said. "Growing the economy, showing small and large employers what our communities have to offer and putting Illinois families back to work is a job we all share. I will continue working to build a consensus for investing in our state and creating jobs."

# CYSTIC FIBROSIS FUNDRAISER

For most children, a day is anchored by three meals. Colin Walsh, 10, suffers from cystic fibrosis, so his day is anchored by three one-hour breathing sessions that clear his lungs of life shortening mucous.

With each new breath, Colin grows stronger and those in his support circle – Colin's Clan – increase their collective faith that a cure will some day come and will, most assuredly, and Colin and 30,000 others in the US live long, healthy lives.

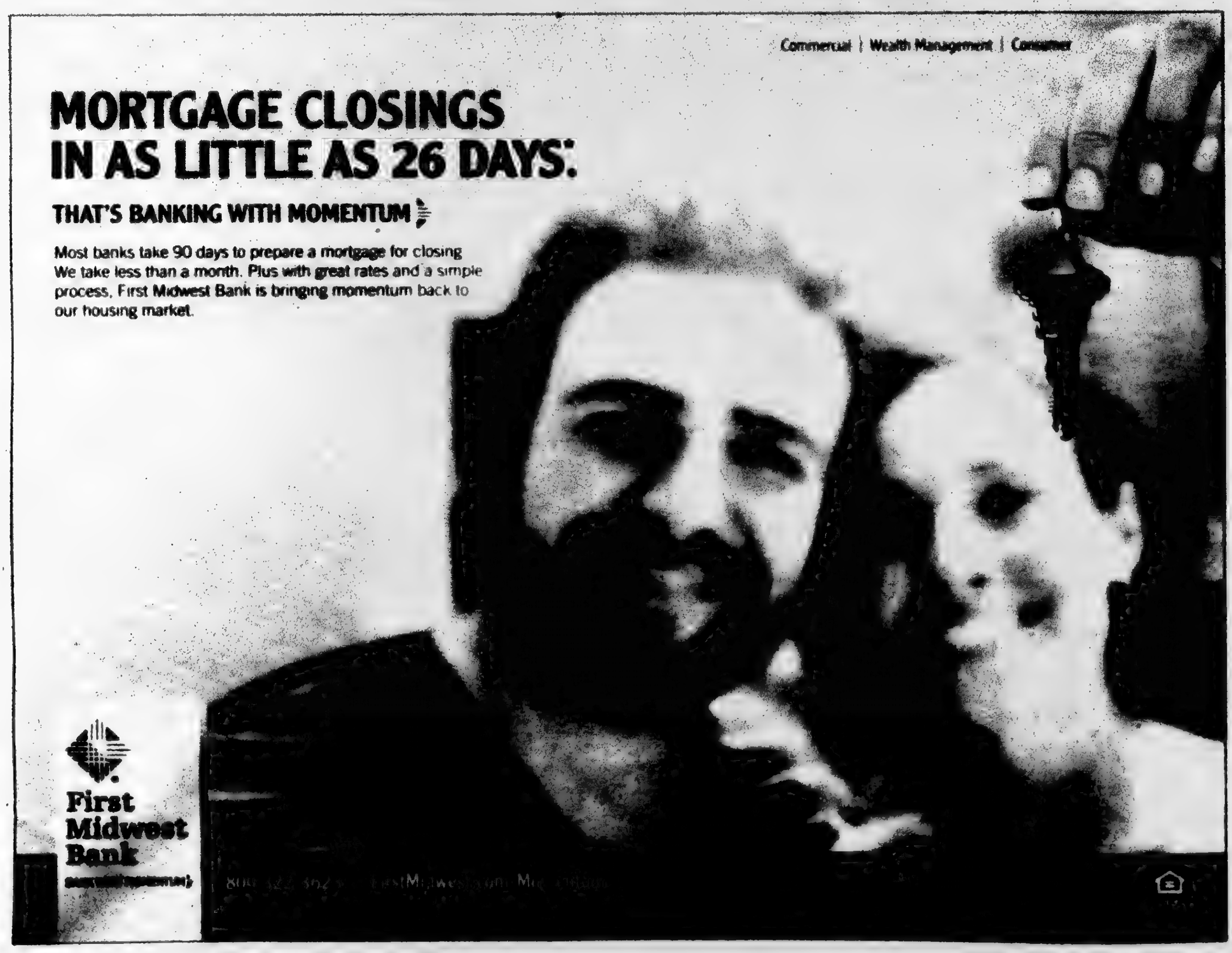
This year, **on July 11th,** Colin's Clan brings its fundraising efforts and awareness initiatives to the Beverly, Morgan Park, Blue Island, Posen and south suburbs in a relaxed and social venue. A Summer Night for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is a new event that also been fueled over the years by an ever-growing circle of supporters. Together, firefighters, triathletes, and friends will converge on Olde Western Avenue in Blue Island to enjoy a summer evening of sipping craft beers and sampling fine Cajun cuisine.

**A Summer Night for Cystic Fibrosis** will take place on Thursday, July 11th at 6 p.m. at the Rock Island Public House, 13328 Olde Western Ave., just walking distance from Maple Tree Inn. The evening features a unique collection of Midwest craft beers, Maple Tree Inn Cajun cuisine, music, games, and the quest to find a cure for cystic fibrosis. A $25 donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation entitles the ticket holder to two pours of a quality craft beer from Rock Island Public House, appetizers from Maple Tree Inn Restaurant, and door prizes. The raffles and silent auction items include fire department memorabilia, triathlon gear, and gift certificates to local restaurants and salons. Antique fire engines of yesteryear from local fire stations will be on display. The world-famous Band of Brothers Pipes and Drums music group will make a special appearance.

Approximately 33,000 children living now have cystic fibrosis. This is not a big enough population for drug companies to spend money on researching and developing drugs on their own. That is why CFF is so important in this crusade.

"It is through the generosity of donations and support of our family and friends that CFF can continue the testing and research needed to find a cure. We hope that you can join us on July 11th, enjoy a nice summer evening out, and help us in the quest to find a cure," said Bryant Krizik, Colin's uncle.

For more information, contact Mark and Bryant Krizik. Bryant at (708) 364-9870, bryankrizik@gmail.com. Mark at (708) 516-8181.

# Announce Breach Of Private Information

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) announced that a managed care contractor experienced a security incident that may have resulted in the disclosure of personal information of 1,233 clients of the agency, all of which are served in Cook County.

On May 10, HFS was notified that a contractor, Family Health Network (FHN), issued ID cards to incorrect addresses. HFS has a contract with FHN to provide covered services offered by the Illinois Medical Assistance program. FHN was issuing its ID cards, and a computer program error resulted in the card going to another address. The contractor is working closely with HFS to identify all the persons affected by this error, take corrective measures and has reissued new cards.

In compliance with the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, the Department is in the process of notifying all individuals that it believes were potentially impacted by this incident. HITECH requires that the media should be notified in cases in which a breach involves more than 500 individuals.

The personal information on the Family Health Network ID card included member name, state issued Medicaid number and birth date. The cards do not list a home address or social security number. In a notice that is being sent to the impacted clients, the Department is recommending that they register for free fraud alerts with consumer protection agencies. FHN is also reviewing procedures and safeguards to ensure that such a breach is not repeated.

For information, visit the U.S. Department of Justice website at http://www.justice.gov/criminal/fraud/websites/idtheft.html

# Redesigned Property Tax Bill Easier To Read

Owners of homes and other real property are receiving a property tax bill with bigger print that is easier to read on a bigger page that gives the owner more key information, Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said.

Pappas' office mailed bills in the first week of July for the 2nd Installment of tax year 2012 on more than 1.7 million parcels of property across Cook County. The due date is August 1.

Pappas' office increased the physical size of the bill from 8 by 11 inches to 8½ by 14 inches to make it easier to review all the information on the bill, and used larger type to better show the "Taxing District Breakdown" listing the governmental bodies which tax a home, business or land and their share of the bill.

The new bill also has a revised Tax Calculator that shows how the bill was calculated and exemptions applied, and provides an "Important Messages" box giving information specific to that Property Index Number, such as

- Tax payments to be made by mortgage company escrows
  specific to that Property Index Number, such as
- Prior-year tax delinquencies
  specific to that Property Index Number, such as
- Current-year refunds due
  specific to that Property Index Number, such as
- Last payment received
  specific to that Property Index Number, such as
- Tax abatements
  specific to that Property Index Number, such as
- Tax Increment Financing Districts

"Making the numbers more legible on a larger page gives taxpayers a clearer and deeper look at what goes into their bill," Pappas said.

Pappas reminded owners that payments can be made from savings and banking accounts at cookcountytreasurer.com, at more than 400 Chase Bank locations across Chicagoland, and at more than 200 participating community banks.

# Park Lawn Grand Raffle

Tickets are available for local non-profit Park Lawn's annual Grand Raffle Drawing with the grand prize being a choice of $15,000 cash, or a 2013 Ford Focus, or 2012 Harley-Davidson FXDF Fat Bob, or 2013 Ford Fiesta, or a 2013 27' Dutchmen Aspen Travel Trailer.

The second prize is $5,000, third prize is $3,000, fourth prize is $1,000, fifth prize is $500, sixth prize is $300 and the 7th through 20th winners will take home $200 each.

The Grand Raffle drawing and reception will be held on July 28th at Park Lawn School and Activity Center, 10833 S. LaPorte in Oak Lawn. Tickets are $100 each and only 999 tickets will be sold.

There will also be a split the pot raffle held during the drawing. Those who participate in the Grand Raffle may purchase the split the pot ticket for $25. The winner will take home more than $1,400. Half of the proceeds raised in the split the pot drawing will be donated to Park Lawn.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting or mailing to Park Lawn at 10833 S. LaPorte in Oak Lawn or call Park Lawn at (708) 425-6667. This year's Grand Raffle is being sponsored by Jerry's Automotive Group of Orland Park and Chicago Harley-Davidson of Glenview. The reception and drawing will occur at Park Lawn School and Activity Center, 10833 S. LaPorte in Oak Lawn.

The Grand Raffle Drawing is an annual fundraising event for Park Lawn, a non-profit organization offering a variety of programs and services such as adult developmental training, residential facilities, vocational training, supported employment and more for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities since 1955. The mission of Park Lawn is to provide services that promote independence, choice and access to community for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more information about the Grand Raffle please call Park Lawn at 708-425-6667 or visit www.parklawn.com.

# MWRD Offers Assistance

President Kathleen Therese Meany (pictured) of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago would like to take this opportunity to inform all Cook County Citizens how the MWRD is out to help and assist them when it comes to storm flooding. Meany stated "we monitor the weather and lower the Chicago Area Waterway System to provide maximum capacity for storm water in the area waterways, tunnels and reservoir system."

In addition, we operate seven plants throughout the region. These plants take in a combined flow of over 3 billion gallons a day. During rain events, the MWRD maximizes flow to the plants to ensure we are moving the maximum amount of water through the system.

When the Chicago area waterway levels are higher than Lake Michigan and predetermined elevations are reached, the MWRD opens control structures to move as much water as possible out of the system. This provides protection from overbank flooding as well as more capacity for stormwater. At this time, no gates have been opened to release water to Lake Michigan.

There has been minimal rain to the south side of the county but over 3.5 inches has fallen across the north side of Chicago and northern part of Cook County.

Tunnels that comprise the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP) system are at the following levels: the Mainstream Tunnel has reached 92% capacity, the Des Plaines Tunnel has reached 60% capacity and the Calumet Tunnel is at 4%. The tunnel system is 109 miles and holds 2.7 billion gallons of water.

Meany added "we encourage the public to minimize their use of water in their homes to reduce the amount of water flowing into the sewer system during extraordinary rain events such as what is occurring. This will provide maximum capacity for combined storm water flows."

President Meany concluded by stating "we are here to serve you 24 hours a day."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## *Announce Winners Of Illinois Open Technology Challenge*

Governor Pat Quinn has announced the *South Suburban Housing Investment Tool* as one of the winning entries in the pilot competition of the Illinois Open Technology Challenge (IL Open Tech), which called on developers to create digital tools that utilize open government data for the benefit of Illinois residents and their communications. The *South Suburban Housing Investment Tool* is an online tool that allows users to analyze, score and rank potential housing development projects according to their location. The tool also superimposes the data on a fully navigable map.

"We commend these enterprising developers for applying their skills toward making municipal government more transparent and accessible for Illinoisans," Governor Quinn said. "This first-of-its-kind innovative effort demonstrates that Illinois is taking a national leadership role in embracing digital government and promoting open data, which is spurring more innovation and economic development statewide."

Created by Dominic Strazzo, Ryan Eckdale-Dudley and Jason Cleaver, the *South Suburban Housing Investment Tool* analyzes more than [illegible] variables for each property that are used to rank redevelopment projects. The Illinois Department of Housing and Urban Development plans to adopt the model and use it as a template for other communities around the state with similar project scoring systems.

"Participating in this challenge opened our eyes to new opportunities and the need for additional open data access to improve communities throughout Illinois," said Eckdale-Dudley. "While our system was created specifically for housing, we believe that it could be applied to other uses, such as prioritizing potential areas for brownfield redevelopment. We look forward to training the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association leadership on how to best use and implement this tool."

The South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) was able to take advantage of its existing geographic information system, the "South Suburban Atlas" (ssatlas.org), which houses a substantial amount of government data. The SSMMA used IL Open Tech to encourage local communities to release additional data for the Challenge.

"We are excited to explore ways that SSMMA and our member communities can apply the *South Suburban Housing Investment Tool* to the housing development process," said Ed Paesel, executive director of the SSMMA. "IL Open Tech has galvanized South Suburban communities to strengthen their commitment to open data & increased government transparency."

The *South Suburban Housing Investment Tool* joined winners from Bellevue (*Bellevue's Laws*), out of Champaign (*IL-Thority*) as well as an app designed for use statewide (*Legislate*), each of which was awarded $15,000. The city of Rockford also participated in the Open Tech Challenge, playing host to a series of developer meet-ups, which will culminate in an open tech app hackathon later this month.

IL Open Tech is the state's first sustained, engaged initiative [illegible] with local [illegible] and developers on the collection and publication of open data. It has [illegible] state's [illegible] open data process statewide by keeping [illegible] politics and [illegible] open data to [illegible]

## *Urge Federal Investigation of Patent Lawsuits Against Public Transit Agencies*

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-3), Illinois' senior member on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, is formally requesting the Federal Trade Commission investigate "patent trolls" that are increasingly targeting transit agencies with questionable lawsuits claiming patent infringement. In a letter sent to FTC Chairwoman Edith Ramirez, Rep. Lipinski noted that at least 20 public transit agencies, including Metra, have been sued or threatened with lawsuits, oftentimes resulting in a "nuisance settlement" to avoid much more costly litigation.

"Patent trolls are stifling American innovation and, in the case of transit agencies, are draining financially strapped public entities. This type of litigation undermines the purpose of the patent system and exploits the fact that public agencies are at a disadvantage in defending themselves," said Rep. Lipinski, co-chair of the new Public Transportation Caucus. "These lawsuits only hurt taxpayers in my district and elsewhere who rely on a vital public service, especially when many transit agencies already are struggling in these tight financial times."

Patent trolls, more formally known as "patent assertion entities" (PAEs), are companies that do not sell, produce or invent anything, but acquire patents and, in turn, demand licensing fees from other companies through litigation or lawsuit threats. Although the claims may not have merit and many times target the end user and not the product producer, government agencies are reluctant to challenge them and settle to avoid legal and related discovery fees that potentially could cost taxpayers millions of dollars. Litigation tied to patent trolls cost defendants $29 billion in 2011, a 400 percent increase from $7 billion in 2005.

Just this week, the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) filed a lawsuit in federal court seeking to halt patent infringement claims against public transit systems throughout the country by two companies. ArrivalStar S.A. & Melvino Technologies have sued more than a dozen transit agencies, accusing them of patent infringement by using GPS tracking systems that notify riders when their buses and trains are due to arrive. In one such case, Metra reluctantly agreed to a $50,000 settlement after weighing the potential costs of litigation.

Rep. Lipinski is requesting the FTC identify the most prolific patent trolls and the financial interests behind them, the prevalence of patent infringement lawsuits against government entities, and the cost to taxpayers, the impact of such lawsuits on the price of products sold to public agencies, and the effect the litigation has on innovation and competition between entrepreneurs who do government business.

Rep. Lipinski's letter to the FTC and his report on patent trolling are available at www.lipinski.house.gov/press-releases/lipinski-urges-federal-investigation-patent-troll-lawsuits-against-public-transit-agencies.

## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka on Monday announced that the State ended Fiscal Year 2013 with $6.1 billion in unaddressed financial obligations, and warned that the deficit will grow by more than $1 billion in the coming weeks.

The state's Chief Fiscal Officer noted that Illinois collected $1.3 billion more in tax revenue than expected this Spring, allowing it to end the fiscal year $6.1 billion in the red, compared to $7.5 billion down at the end of last year. But she warned the one-time revenue spike does not impact the state's fiscal challenges in the long-term.

In fact, Topinka predicted the state's bill backlog will grow to approximately $7.5 billion by August, and swell further in subsequent months.

"Make no mistake, the 'April surprise' is history," said Topinka, referring to unexpected tax revenue collected by the State. "That windfall allowed us to aggressively pay down bills and provide some relief to vendors, but it did nothing to address the state's systemic budget problems."

Specifically, Topinka said the Comptroller's Office ended the fiscal year with "3,184 unpaid bills totaling $3.3 billion and dating back to June 5, 2013. When estimates of bills still at state agencies are included, the state's total backlog reaches $6.1 billion."

But Topinka added that the backlog can be expected to grow in the coming months. Based on historical trends, the Comptroller estimated the state will have around $7.5 billion in unpaid bills in August, $8.1 billion in September, $8.7 billion in October, and near $9 billion in November and December. She stressed that those totals may change depending on when bills are submitted to the state.

Regardless of the specific totals, the trend is clear, Topinka said.

"Despite years of hand-wringing about state finances, nothing has changed," she said. "We continue to force businesses, hospitals, schools and service agencies to wait months on end for promised payment from the state. It is unconscionable and further highlights the importance of keeping spending flat and restoring our fiscal integrity."

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U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-3) sent All Points the following statement on the Administration's decision to delay until 2015 the Obamacare employer mandate.

"It is good news that the Administration has delayed implementation of the flawed employer mandate in Obamacare. I have heard from many small businesses in the district that there is a lot of confusion about the mandate and it is important that additional time is taken to get this right. But this should have been done the right way, with the President admitting there is a problem and working with Congress to change the law, not by the Administration telling the IRS to ignore the law for a year. It is time for both parties in Washington to get back to legislating solutions to problems facing the American people, in an open and honest manner."

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State Fire Marshal Larry Matkaitis released the below statement regarding the 19 firefighter line of duty deaths in Yarnell, Arizona.

"Arizona experienced the worst wildfire tragedy in the U.S. in 80 years, and the highest firefighter death toll since Sept. 11, 2001. These 19 members of the Prescott Fire Department Granite Mountain Hotshots battled some of the fiercest wildfires in the nation, risking their own lives for the sake of public safety.

"When these men joined the fire service, they committed to make the safety of others their number one priority. This Hotshot team worked tirelessly to protect the people of Arizona even if this meant making the ultimate sacrifice to protect their community.

"On behalf of the entire Illinois fire service, I send condolences to the family and friends of the firefighters who lost their lives yesterday. Their sacrifice and extraordinary acts of service will never be forgotten."

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Legislation backed by state Rep. Robert Rita, D-Blue Island, cutting lawmakers' salaries was recently signed into law. The measure requires legislators to take unpaid furlough days and freezes pay and reimbursement rates for legislators and other state officials.

House Bill 1441 requires members of the General Assembly to take 12 unpaid furlough days next fiscal year and freezes salaries and reimbursement rates for representatives, senators, state's attorneys, statewide officials, directors of state departments and members of state boards and commissions. The measure received bipartisan support in the House and Senate, and was signed into law by the governor this week.

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State Rep. Al Riley (D-Olympia Fields) issued the following statement in response to the announced resignation of Metra's CEO, Alex Clifford.

"Recently, the Executive Director of Metra resigned from his position. Situations like this are not always easy, for the Metra board, the staff, and others. But, a transition will take place. I would hope that in the days and weeks that follow as a new CEO is being sought, that Metra re-examines their charge to the riding public, that is to provide safe and efficient transportation to the taxpayers of the Chicago metropolitan area. This also includes insuring equity & in the provision of services, contracts and resource allocation."

"There should not be any preference given to one region of the metropolitan area over another. A reasonable person or organization should never have the perception of inequitable treatment. All riders should feel that they have a stake in the goals of Metra and should have opportunities to voice their opinions and concerns. Having an open system that is responsive to riders is vital for the success of Metra, and any of the service boards. After all, in the south suburban region alone, roughly $60 million per year of taxes are paid to the Regional Transportation Authority. It is not beyond the realm of reasonableness that units of governments and their constituents cannot expect to see their share of transit services from all the service boards being provided to this region."

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The deadline to apply for federal flood disaster aid for people affected by April flooding has been extended to July 24. The state requested the extension Monday to enable people affected by flooding in federally designated counties to seek grants and loans to help with their recovery. The original registration deadline was July 9.

The state's appeal of the federal government's denial of aid to people in Putnam and Warren counties was also approved today, bringing the total number of counties eligible for individual assistance to 35.

To date, more than 49,300 applications for disaster aid have been approved with more than $122.4 million in grants awarded to help people with flood-related expenses. In addition, the U.S. Small Business Administration has approved $25.4 million in disaster assistance loans.

Registration for disaster aid can be completed online at www.disasterassistance.gov, via web-enabled phone at m.fema.gov, or by phone at 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585).

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State Sen. Iris Sims (D-Chicago) has been selected to participate in the Edgar Fellows initiative to promote responsible and responsive leadership throughout Illinois. Led by former Gov. Jim Edgar and the University of Illinois' Institute of Government and Public Affairs (IGPA), the 41 fellows will gather from Aug. 4-7 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"I am proud and honored to have been named one of 41 leaders selected to participate in the 2013 Edgar Fellows initiative," Sims said. "This initiative is a perfect opportunity to discuss the important issues facing the state, work with other elected officials and develop ideas to get Illinois moving in the right direction."

# Health & Nutrition

Linda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

## KNEE REPLACEMENT NOT ALWAYS BEST

If your knees start throbbing like those of one of the NFL post-game football players, remember all of your options not just the easy ones, health experts say

Knee replacement surgeries are soaring as Baby Boomers try to stay active longer But self-care treatment can help with pain, restore mobility and delay or eliminate the need for surgery Total knee replacement is an epidemic in our country, and according to Mary Alohn, former president of the National Athletic Trainers Association, "that circles back to the American way Fix it Give me an operation"

Replacement operations have increased 100% over the past 15 years and are expected to rise by 500% by 2030, according to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons Traumatic injuries and arthritis, which affects over 2 million Americans by damaging cartilage and bone causing pain, stiffness and swelling can lead to expensive surgeries

The best ways to slow down arthritis and help preserve cartilage cushioning knees and other joints are to follow the Arthritis Foundation's guidelines At the top of the list is losing weight

"The only treatment that actually slows down the progress of the disease is weight loss," said Richmond, of the New England Baptist Hospital's department of orthopedic surgery in Boston "You might think restricting activity would help, but it does not"

Among the Arthritis Foundation's strategies to combat pain and restore mobility

**Lose weight.** Every pound lost reduces the weight on your knees by 4 pounds

**Get exercising.** Include low impact aerobic exercises such as brisk walking, cycling, gardening and dancing in your workout routine Exercise also will help with your pain, and is good for health in general (physical and mental)

**Increase muscle.** Work all the muscle groups two times weekly Stronger muscles can help support damaged joints

Sometimes a healthy routine won't help and people opt for replacement surgery when pain restricts everyday activities Simple arthroscopic knee procedures can be performed as an option up to even five or six times over quite a number of years to stave off total knee replacement without success

If you are floundering on how to get started, have your doctor set up a referral to a physical therapist He or she can determine the proper knee exercise regimen to your individual condition Stick to it religiously and you might find the results are amazing

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# Avoid Possible Exposure To Rabies

Bats are starting to become more active, which means the possibility of exposure to rabies is increasing Bats are the primary carrier of rabies in Illinois The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has already had eight bats test positive for rabies this year

Never try to approach or catch a bat, or any wild animal, you find outside Bats and wild animals that let people approach them are often not healthy," said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr LaMar Hasbrouck "Instead, call your local animal control agency for its recommendations on how to handle the animal."

In 2012, 63 bats tested positive for rabies in Illinois Four percent of all bats tested last year were positive for rabies, which is average in Illinois Any wild mammal, such as raccoons, skunks, foxes, coyotes and bats, can have rabies and transmit it to humans

Rabies is a virus that affects the nervous system People can get rabies after being bitten by an infected animal Rabies can also be contracted when saliva from a rabid animal gets directly into a person's eyes, nose, mouth or a wound People usually know when they have been bitten by a bat, but bats have very small teeth and the bite mark may not be easy to see If you find yourself in close proximity to a bat and are not sure if you were exposed, for example you wake up and find a bat in your room, do not kill or release the bat before calling your doctor or local health department to help determine if you could have been exposed to rabies and need preventive treatment If the bat is available for testing and test results are negative, preventive treatment is not needed

Without preventive treatment, rabies is typically fatal If you have been bitten or have had direct contact with a bat, seek immediate medical attention Treatment with rabies immune globulin and a vaccine series must begin quickly

An animal does not have to be aggressive or exhibit other symptoms to have rabies Changes in any animal's normal behavior can be early signs of rabies A bat that is active during the day, found on the ground or is unable to fly is more likely than others to be rabid Such bats are often easily approached, but should never be handled

The following tips can help prevent the spread of rabies.

- Be a responsible animal owner Keep vaccinations up-to-date for all dogs, cats, ferrets and other animals you own
- Seek immediate veterinary assistance for your pet if your pet is bitten by a wild animal or exposed to a bat
- Call the local animal control agency about removing stray animals in your neighborhood
- Do not touch, feed or unintentionally attract wild animals with open garbage cans or litter
- Never adopt wild animals or bring them into your home Do not try to nurse sick, wild animals to health Call animal control or an animal rescue agency for assistance
- Teach children never to handle unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic, even if they appear friendly "Love your own, leave other animals alone" is a good principle for children to learn to reduce the risk of exposures to rabid animals
- Maintain homes and other buildings so bats cannot get inside
- If a bat is in your home, do not release the bat outdoors until after speaking with animal control or public health officials If you can do it without putting yourself at risk for physical contact or being bitten, try to cover the bat with a large can or bucket, and close the door to the room

Information about keeping bats out of your home or buildings can be found by logging on to www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/pbats.htm

Information about rabies can be found at www.idph.state.il.us/health/infect/reportdis/rabies.htm

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# Listeria Outbreak Linked To Cheese

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Director Dr LaMar Hasbrouck is urging consumers who may have purchased Les Freres cheese made by Crave Brothers Farmstead Classics Cheese, a Wisconsin producer, to dispose of it, as it has been linked to a multi-state outbreak of listeriosis

One Illinois resident reported becoming ill after eating the cheese in mid-May Consumers who may have purchased Crave Brothers Farmstead Classics are urged to dispose of the following cheeses Les Freres, Petit Frere, and Petit Frere with Truffles

"Listeriosis infection can cause serious illness, particularly to vulnerable populations including newborns pregnant women and people with compromised immune systems, said IDPH Director Dr LaMar Hasbrouck "If you still have any of these cheeses in your refrigerator or freezer, throw them out immediately, and if you are experiencing any symptoms of listeriosis, please see your health care provider right away."

Listeriosis symptoms include fever, muscle aches, headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance, and convulsions Symptoms often begin 3 weeks after infection, but can take anywhere from 3 to 70 days Infected pregnant women may experience only a mild, flu-like illness, however, infections during pregnancy can lead to miscarriage or stillbirth, premature delivery, or infection of the newborn Approximately 25 to 35 cases of listeriosis are reported in Illinois each year

IDPH is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U S Food and Drug Administration on the ongoing investigation IDPH is testing a sample of the cheese and is advising grocery stores and distributors to pull the products and not sell them until further information is available

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# Two Additional Cases Associated With Tennessee Compounding Pharmacy

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is investigating two additional reports of adverse events among patients in Illinois who received injections of the steroid methylprednisolone acetate produced by Main Street Family Pharmacy, LLC in Newbern Tennessee All seven Illinois cases received injections at the Logan Primary Care clinic in downstate Herrin located in Williamson County

Initially five Illinois patients were reported to have developed abscesses after receiving injections of methylprednisolone acetate (MPA) an anti-inflammatory steroid used to treat a range of conditions including asthma and allergic reactions The two additional cases were confirmed this week following public reports of a multistate outbreak involving more than 20 patients in Florida (14) North Carolina (2) and Illinois (7) who received injections of MPA from a shipment that originated from Main Street Family Pharmacy

IDPH is conducting a joint investigation with the Food and Drug Administration Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and officials from other states that received shipments of MPA from Main Street Family Pharmacy

"The Illinois Department of Public Health continues to work with local and federal officials investigating these adverse events said IDPH Director Dr LaMar Hasbrouck "Our priority continues to be ensuring that all patients who might have received MPA injections have been contacted, and that they see a health care provider immediately if suffering any symptoms"

The seven Illinois cases received injections between Jan 4 and Feb 21 Investigation into the cause of the adverse events is ongoing To date, no reports of meningitis or other life-threatening infections have been reported

Main Street Family Pharmacy has voluntarily initiated a recall of all sterile products, including MPA, in cooperation with state and federal authorities Nearly 20 states received recalled MPA from Main Street Family Pharmacy since Dec 1 2012 Main Street Family Pharmacy LLC is currently licensed by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, which is also investigating

# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## Class Reunions

Reavis High School – Class of 1973 will hold its 40th Year reunion on Saturday, July 20th, at Lexington House in Hickory Hills from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. Go to our website www.reavisreunion1973.com or contact Rich Gutierrez at RHS73Reunion@Richwalsh.com

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Hillcrest High School – Class of 1963 will hold its reunion on July 20th at Hillcrest High School and Sullivan's in Midlothian and on July 27th at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Visit the Reunion Website or e-mail

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Mother of Sorrows High School on Blue Island – All-class reunion will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19th from 7 to 11 p.m. at Bourbon Street, 7356 W. 135th St. in Merrionette Park. Email contact information to tapost222@aol.com or Tammy Donegan Price (class of 1981) http://www.moscallclassreunion.com2013.myevite.com or call (708) 670-4496 to leave your contact information.

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St. George in Tinley Park – Looking for classmates from St. George class of 1973 for a reunion planned for Oct. 5th. Do you know someone who was in that class? Contact Gailann Schmeski at lschmeski@hotmail.com or Cynthia Lobas Cosentino at cosentin@gmail.com

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Rich East High School – Class of 1973 will hold its 40th class reunion July 13th and 14th with multiple events. The main reunion dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. July 13th in Dining on the Green, 349 Main St. in Park Forest. Music will begin at 9 p.m. with musicians from the Class of 1973. Rich East Alumni from other classes are invited to attend. The cost is $100 for two people, $60 for one person and $30 for person without dinner. A tour of the school will begin at 11:30 a.m. On July 14th there will be a family picnic from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sommerdale Park pavilion. Contact (773) 519-1044, www.richeastreunions or email mswine@aol.com.

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Brother Rice High School – Class of 1982 will hold an informal get together for dinner at 7 p.m. on Aug. 10th at Granite City Food and Brewery, 14028 S. LaGrange Road in Orland Park. Contact www.blsclass82.com.

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St. Leo Grade School – Class of 1963 is planning a 60th anniversary class reunion in October. Contact Bill Gibbons (708) 229-7644, Jim Malwitch (312) 953-1912, or gmwally@gmail.com.

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Kelly High School – Class of 1963 will hold its 50th reunion on Sept. 27th at the Holiday Inn Holidome, 205 Remington Blvd., Bolingbrook. Tickets are $55, which includes dinner, dancing, memory sharing and a video presentation. There will be a cash bar. Contact Cathy Jones-Kaminski at kaminskicj@yahoo.com

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Brother Rice High School – Class of 1963 will hold its 45 year reunion in conjunction with Homecoming weekend, Sept. 27th and 28th. The cost is $40 per person. The payment deadline is Aug. 30th. Contact the class website for more information or details on both events.

## Seek Festival Vendors

Craft, flea market and garage sale vendors are sought for the annual Fall Festival at Deer Lakes Farm to be held on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Over two thousand people usually attend the festival, which features games, kids crafts, parades, horse rides, entertainment, food concession, and food beer saloon. Vendor spaces cost $25 each. The farm is at 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park. Call (708) 361-3000.


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The Competition Area is a 54 X 42 Spring Floor and a warm-up area will be provided with a 54 x 42 non spring floor, a spring tumble strip, and a 12 X 42 stretch mat.

There are three divisions offered, School, All Star, and Specialty. Each division is divided into several age categories.

**-The School division categories include:**
-Elementary Level
-Jr. High Level
-High school JV
-High School Varsity (max. 20 members)
-JV and Varsity combined (max. 36 members)

**-The All Star Division age groups are:**
-Tiny Level 1
-Mini Levels 1-3
-Youth Levels 1-5
-Junior Levels 1-5
-Senior Levels 1-5

**-The Specialty Division will be divided based on USASF age divisions.** It includes seven competitions:
-Individual Routine
-Duo Routine
-Trio Routine
-Quad Routine
-Stunt Routine
-Jump Challenge
-Tumbling Challenge

Each team must send a $100 non-refundable deposit by Monday, July 15th. The cost of entry is $30 per cheerleader, which includes fair admission. An additional $20 will be charged per added event, this includes all specialty division competitions. Guest must pay entry to the fair but the Cheer Classic is free to all spectators.

Banners will be given to the Grand Champions of all levels of the Team Divisions. Trophies will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams as well as the competitors in the Specialty Division. All team and squad participants will receive a medal.

The registration deadline is Monday, July 15th, this must include registration form and non-refundable deposit. Full payment must be received by Aug. 1st. Registration forms can be emailed to cheers2013@gmail.com. Payment and registration forms can be mailed to: ISF Cheer Classic c/o Capital Elite All Stars, 2877 N. Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield, IL 62702.

For more information on the 2013 Illinois State Fair Cheer Classic, email cheers2013@gmail.com or call the State Fair Special Events office at (217) 782-6777.


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Monday July 15th: Split-the-Pot-BINGO under the tent (6:00pm)
Outside dining will also be available by our food vendors & the beer garden will also be open. Pull tabs will be sold throughout the evening

Tuesday July 16th: Split-the-Pot-BINGO under the tent (6:00pm)
All proceeds go to the Joanne Slovey Scholarship Fund which supports St. Christopher School

Wednesday July 17th: "FIESTA" (6:00pm - 10:00pm)
Beer Garden (6:00pm - 11:00pm)
Mainstage Entertainment: Rock Star Video (7:00 pm)

Thursday July 18th: "FIESTA" (6:00pm - 10:00pm)
Beer Garden (6:00pm - 11:00pm)
Mainstage Entertainment: Maggie Speaks (7:30 pm)

Friday July 19th: "FIESTA" Alumni Night (6:00pm - 11:00pm)
Beer Garden (6:00pm - 1:00am)
Mainstage Entertainment: Timing's Everything (6:00pm)
Mainstage Entertainment: Hairbangers Ball (9:30pm)

Saturday July 20th: "FIESTA" (1:00pm - 11:00pm)
Beer Garden (1:00pm - 1:00am)
Mainstage Entertainment: C-4 Enter. (DJ) (2:00pm - 5:00 pm)
Mainstage Entertainment: Captains of Industry (6:00pm)
Mainstage Entertainment: Infinity (9:30pm)

Sunday July 21st: "FIESTA" (1:00pm - 10:00pm)
Beer Garden (Noon - 10:00pm)
Legacy Dance Studio performs (12:00 pm)
Bartolini's All American Meatball Eating Contest (3:00pm)
Mainstage Entertainment: Half the Battle (6:30pm)
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# Urge Caution When Temperatures Rise

Heat records are falling across the U.S. West and Southwest this week as a deadly heat wave swelters that portion of the country. While temperatures in Illinois aren't expected to reach those extreme levels, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) is urging people to recognize the dangers of extreme heat and stay safe during summer's heat waves.

As part of its 2013 preparedness campaign, IEMA will focus on heat safety in July to help people avoid the hazards of summer's heat.

"Extreme temperatures aren't just uncomfortable, they can be deadly," said IEMA Director Jonathon Monken. "People often fail to recognize how dangerous hot weather can be, particularly for children, seniors, those with functional needs and pets. We're working to help people recognize those dangers and the steps they can take to stay safe."

Monken said one of the most important safety tips when temperatures rise is to never leave children, disabled adults or pets in parked cars. Each year, dozens of children and countless pets left in parked vehicles die from hyperthermia. Hyperthermia is an acute condition that occurs when the body absorbs more heat than it can handle. Hyperthermia can occur even on a mild day.

Temperature inside a parked vehicle can rapidly rise to a dangerous level for children, pets and even adults. Leaving the windows slightly open does not significantly decrease the heating rate. The effects can be more severe on children because their bodies warm at a faster rate than adults.

Additional tips on how to protect yourself and others from heat-related illnesses are available on the state's Ready Illinois website (www.Ready.Illinois.gov).

# Recall Pomegranate Seeds

If you bought frozen pomegranate seeds or a mixture containing pomegranate seeds since February, the Illinois Department of Public Health wants to make sure you check the brand before eating them.

The Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have determined the most likely source of a multistate hepatitis A virus outbreak is a common shipment of pomegranate seeds from Turkey used in the Townsend Farms and Harris Teeter Organic Antioxidant Blends. These seeds were also used by Scenic Fruit Company to make its Woodstock Frozen Organic Pomegranate Kernels. Both companies have voluntarily recalled these products.

As of June 27th, the CDC confirmed 127 people have become ill from Hepatitis A after eating Townsend Farms Organic Antioxidant Blend in eight states: Arizona (17), California (64), Colorado (25), Hawaii (7), New Mexico (5), Nevada (5), Utah (2) and Wisconsin (2).

"It's important for people who have recently bought frozen pomegranate seeds or blends that contain pomegranate seeds to check for the recalled brands - Townsend Farms or Scenic Fruit. If you have either of these brands, you will want to dispose of them," said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck.

To date, 11 Illinois counties have received Scenic Fruit Company product, although no illnesses have yet been linked to this product. Counties include Adams, Champaign, Cook, DuPage, Jackson, Lake, Madison, Mclean, Peoria, Sangamon and St Clair.

Hepatitis A symptoms may include fatigue, poor appetite, fever, vomiting, darker urine and jaundice. Symptoms can appear from 15 to 50 days after exposure, but usually within 28 to 30 days of being exposed to the virus.

If you have eaten the recalled pomegranate seeds and are ill or have concerns, talk with your health care provider.


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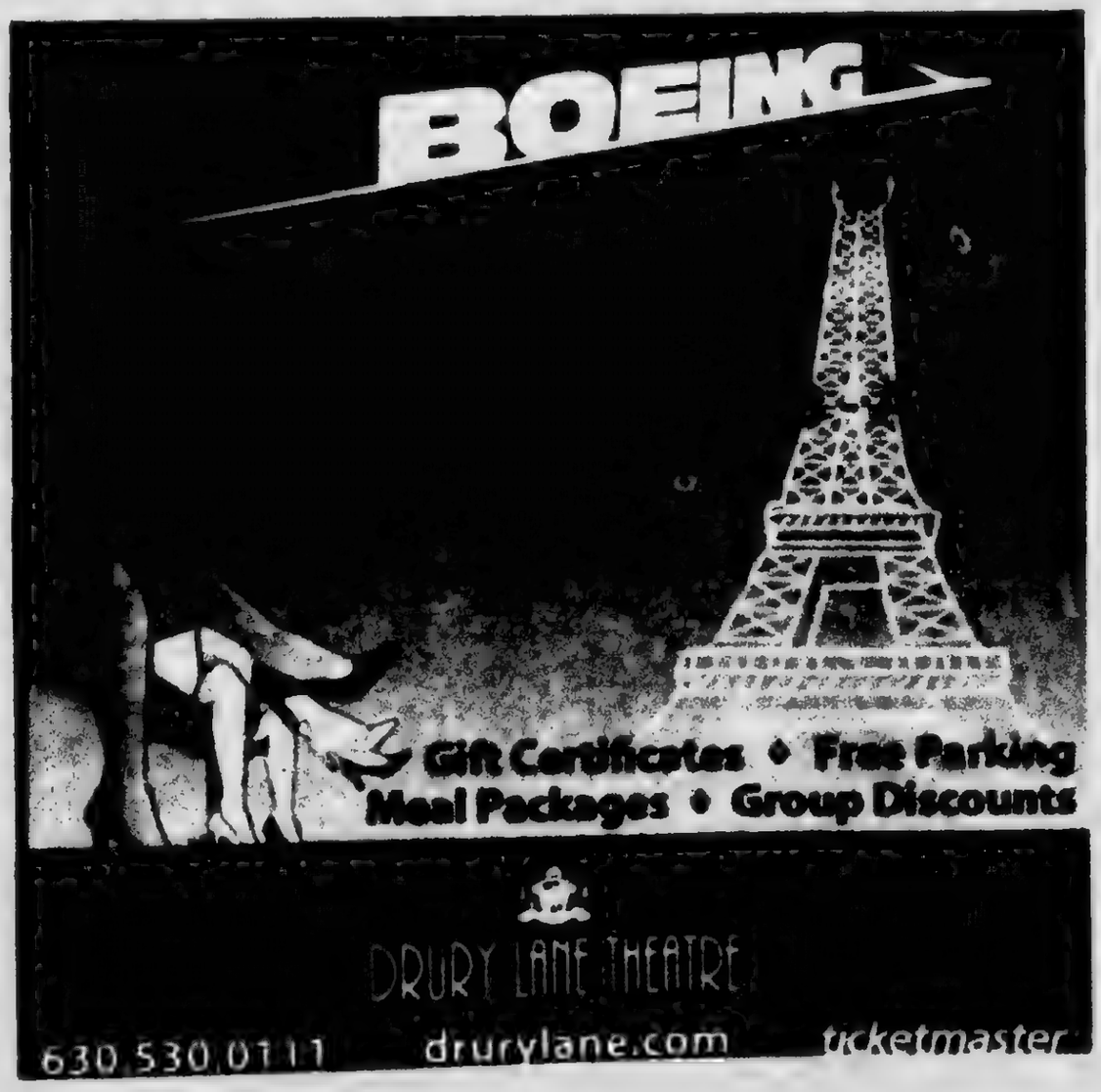

# OUTDOORS by Jim Kirby

**"IF YOU LAND ONE OUT OF THREE, YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT."** So were the words of advice from **Ed** at Mik-Lurch Fishing Tackle on Indianapolis Blvd. in Hammond, Indiana. The weather report called for waves less than 2 feet on the south end of Lake Michigan and the steelhead were reported to be running out of Burn's Ditch in Portage, Ind.

Mike Lahart, Palos Hts., and I decided this would be a good time to try for those steelheads "the tarpon of the north." The steelhead is a lake-run rainbow trout noted for its speed and aerial leaps. Mike had never caught a steelhead, this would be his chance to land one.

*Mike Lahart with a steelhead trout, "the tarpon of the north"*

I never fish the south end of Lake Michigan without at least a phone call to Mik-Lurch. On this day, however, stopping by the tackle shop was the thing to do, as it was on our way to Burn's Ditch. I'm glad we did, the friendly staff clued me in as to what, where and how to fish the "Ditch" based on their trip the day before. The one piece of advice turned out to be important. "Fish the seam-line," not really seam in the sense of the word but that area where the clear and darker water meet.

After launching my boat, we headed out over to the man-made reef where I had caught coho's and steelheads in the past. In doing so we passed through the seam-line and Mike had a steelhead on that was a real screamer and jumper. Mike's introduction to steelhead trout: one that got away.

After several hours with no luck, the waves picked up and it was time for us to head back to the boat ramp. We trolled on the way back, passed through that same seam-line and lo-and-behold, Mike had a steelhead on that put on quite a show. Mike landed his first steelhead (see photo). We finally realized that if we had stayed fishing the seam-line as we were advised to do, we probably would have limited out.

**■OUTDOOR CALENDAR: July 12:** Catfish Clinic, Monee Reservoir, (708) 534-8499. **July 17:** Southside Muskie Hawks meeting, 7 p.m., Vince's Restaurant, 6217 W. 63rd St., (708) 334-1733. **July 18:** Fish Tales Fishing Club Meeting, 6350 S. Oak Park Ave., 6:30 p.m., (708) 422-2178.

**■REGIONAL OUTDOOR REPORTS:** The weather has finally settled down; rivers & streams are at normal pool; local ponds are giving up bass and pan fish; Lake Michigan hot with salmon, bass & perch; but the Illinois waters of Lake Michigan closed for perch fishing. Indiana perch are doing well.

**■PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING. WOMEN REALLY ARE TAKING THE HUNTING AND SHOOTING INDUSTRY BY STORM!** Prois Hunting and Field Apparel has long recognized the impact that the influx of women into the hunting and shooting industries has had, and gets excited when numbers support the passion.

Most recently, a 2013 National Sporting Goods Association reports that shooting sports with firearms experienced double digit growth with female participation increasing by over 22%. According to CBS News, the national total for female gun owners has doubled over the last decade, increasing to nearly 5 million women since 2001.

In a recent article by RMEF, female hunters account for up to $5.9 billion per year in economic input. Although female hunters only comprise about 9% of the total number of hunters according to the most recent statistics, the number of female hunters is increasing in leaps and bounds. Furthermore, the NSSF 2011 Industry Report shows that women comprise 13%, or 2.3 million of the nation's firearm hunters in 2002 and the percentage rose to 16% in 2009, the last year statistics are available from NSSF. The statistics also demonstrate that although the median age for male hunters has been increasing steadily for almost 20 years, the median age for female hunters has been decreasing. (*Prois Hunting and Field Apparel*)

**■THINK ABOUT IT:** "When an argument flares up, the wise man quenches it with silence."

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# Frank Kiszka Memorial Golf Outing

Mount Carmel High School invites alumni, parents and friends to the 2013 Frank Kiszka Memorial Golf Outing on Friday, July 12th at Cog Hill Country Club (12294 Archer Ave.) in Lemont.

Proceeds from this annual event enable the Mount Carmel Alumni Association to provide tuition assistance to Mount Carmel students in need.

The $175 per golfer fee covers greens fee, range balls, cart, and an outdoor BBQ under the pavilion tent after you finish your round. The outing begins with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Free range balls are available starting at 7 a.m.

Register now online at www.mchs.org/alumni/golf or contact the Mount Carmel Alumni Office at (773) 324-1020, ext. 290, or cbarg@mchs.org.

# SXU 17th Annual Golf Classic

Saint Xavier University invites the community to support student scholarships with a day on the links at its 17th Annual Golf Classic.

Check-in begins at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6th at Silver Lake Country Club, 14700 S. 82nd Ave. in Orland Park. The day will conclude with a reception and dinner.

Registration for individual golfers is $500, which includes green fees, cart, continental breakfast, lunch on the course, beverages, reception and dinner. Participants can register online at www.sxu.edu, keyword: golf. Participants also may register by mail using a downloadable printer-friendly form available on the site, or by calling (773) 298-3748. All proceeds support SXU student scholarships.

The event includes the Cougar Classic and Pick Your Prize raffles. Raffle tickets are available by calling (773) 298-3940. Winners need not be present.

Pick Your Prize tickets are $50 each or five for $200. Participants can choose from the following packages:

• "Downtown" includes a trip for six on a sailboat, an overnight stay at the Trump International Hotel & Tower in Chicago, a $150 gift card to Smith & Wollensky Steakhouse, and a $300 Broadway in Chicago Theater Ticket gift certificate.

• "Weekend Escapes" includes golf for two at Eagle Ridge's The General course, a three-day weekend stay at a three-bedroom vacation home in Galena Territory, four box seats with stadium club passes and preferred parking to the Milwaukee Brewers v. Los Angeles Angels game at Miller Park on Sept. 1st, golf for four at Long Beach Country Club in Michigan City, Ind., and a $100 gas card.

• "Chicago Sports & Tailgate" includes four Chicago White Sox Golden Box Seats with parking (White Sox v. Royals on Sept. 19th), two Chicago Cubs Club Box Seats (Cubs v. Brewers on Sept. 6th), two Chicago Bears tickets (date to follow), an overnight stay at the Hilton Chicago, an autographed Dan Hampton Bears jersey and Hank Aaron baseball, a cooler on wheels, and two bar chairs.

• "Golf" includes golf at LaGrange Country Club (for three plus members), Ridge Country Club (for three plus members), Silver Lake Country Club (for four with carts), Beverly Country Club (for three plus members), Oakley men's sunglasses, and a Garmin Approach S1 Golf Watch.

Cougar Classic tickets are $25 each or five for $100. Prizes include the following: flat screen TV, JBL Flip Portable Stereo Speaker, Beats Solo HD headphones, Nikon Coolpix P510 megapixel camera, iPad with retina display, Kindle Fire HD, Nike+ SportWatch GPS, Trek mountain bike, TaylorMade Driver, Weber Liquid Propane Portable Grill, and much more!

Last year's Golf Classic raised more than $112,000 for scholarships. For more information, contact the Office of Special Events at (773) 298-3748 or specialevents@sxu.edu.

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# Urban Fishing Clinics

Learning how to fish is fun, [illegible] for youngsters and [illegible] thanks to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Urban Fishing Program. Free fishing clinics are scheduled at 20 sites throughout the state.

Fishing is a great way for families to spend time together outdoors and our urban fishing clinics give thousands of children each summer a chance to experience the joy of fishing," said IDNR Director Marc Miller.

The free Urban Fishing Program clinics are targeted toward children ages 6 and younger but anyone interested in learning basic fishing techniques may attend.

Fishing clinic instructors present information on fish and other aquatic life, rules and regulations for fishing, as well as basic instruction on baiting a hook, tying a knot, casting, important tactics on how to catch fish, and finally how to handle and return fish to the water. As part of each clinic, participants are provided with rods, reels, bait and tackle for 90 minutes of catch-and-release fishing.

Urban Fishing clinics are presented on weekdays, usually with morning and afternoon sessions.

Locations and reservation/contact phone numbers for the clinics include:

• Chicago Park District/IDNR Urban Fishing Clinics (Aug. 15): 312-742-9741. (parks include Lemonyers, Marquette, Columbus, Douglas, Humboldt, Jackson, McKinley, Sherman, and Washington Parks in Chicago)

The Illinois Urban Fishing Program was introduced in 1986 to teach individuals of all ages to fish, to provide better local fishing opportunities, and to give participants an understanding of and a greater appreciation for natural resources. Urban Fishing Program coordinators also hold non-fishing conservation education programs and visit schools during the fall, winter and spring to teach and promote fishing and the appreciation of natural resources.

For more information on fishing in Illinois, call the IDNR Division of Fisheries at 217/782-6424 or check the website at www.fish.illinois.org.

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Dr. Davis has been treating Chicago area and Northwest Indiana patients for 28 years. As an Internal Medicine physician, she specializes in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of adult diseases and conditions. She is a member of the American Diabetes Association, Live Empowered Executive Council and the American Heart Association Multicultural Leadership Committee, and has a keen interest in helping patients manage diabetes and heart-related conditions. She also has authored articles on these topics, among others, in more than 15 periodicals and publications.

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Veterans. In the next five years, more than 1 million service members will face the challenge of transitioning to civilian life. Senior Corps volunteers-many veterans themselves-serve more than 900,000 veterans a year.

Elderly. Senior Corps volunteers help nearly 800,000 elderly Americans live independently and stay in their homes.

Disaster Survivors. When disaster strikes, Senior Corps volunteers provide recovery support. They staff call centers, manage donations and help coordinate other volunteers.

**Who Helps The Helpers**

Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency and largest grant maker in support of volunteering, says, "Senior volunteers are more important now than ever for meeting the needs of local communities. We honor the service of Senior Corps volunteers and we invite more older Americans to join us."

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# Tips On Finding A Place To Put Sparkle Into The Golden Years

(NAPSA) If you're ever among the estimated 65 million Americans caring for loved ones, a look at one family's journey may be useful to you.

Joan Lunden, former host of "Good Morning America," wife, mother of seven and caregiver for her mother, Gladyce, was faced with the challenge of finding the right senior living community for her mom. Lunden found herself completely unprepared for what was ahead.

"My mom was always a social butterfly," recalled Lunden. "I thought she would live in a place where she could make friends, entertain and socialize, but I quickly came to realize that version of my mom no longer existed. The community we initially chose was lovely but did not meet her needs."

Gladyce's first community lacked critical aspects of memory care that would help her cope with dementia, a condition that was worsening with time.

"We had to move a couple of times but ultimately found a small residential home in my mom's area that provided the hands-on, day-to-day care she needed. It was a long journey, but we finally arrived at the right place," Lunden added.

As a result of her experience, Lunden has partnered with the nation's largest senior living referral service to help educate Americans on what they need to know about this difficult, complex process. At A Place for Mom, knowledgeable and compassionate Advisors counsel families through the process, offering guidance at each stage of their search. These experts advise there's no better way to learn about a community than to visit. Families should tour the places they're considering, together, to fully gauge if it's the right fit.

### What To Look For On a Visit

**Check for Cleanliness.** Look under the beds, into corners, and at baseboards and windows to ensure that the community is properly maintained. Ask for details on housekeeping protocols, maintenance and response times.

**Follow Your Nose.** Odors offer subtle hints. Smells concentrated in one area indicate a single, recent incident. Odors throughout the community may indicate a bigger problem.

**Visit During an Activity.** Research the activity calendar and learn what's available on- and off-site throughout the year and if those activities match your loved one's interests.

**Meet the Management.** Meet community management so you can assess their approach to residents' care. Also look for interaction between staff members and residents. Are they engaged and courteous? Do they make eye contact with residents?

**Go Outdoors.** Does the area feel safe and secure? Are activities held in these areas on sunny days?

**Dine:** The dining room experience is very important. Discuss entrée choices, learn about dining hours, options and procedures. Enjoy a meal and meet some of the residents.

**Ask Security and Safety Questions.** Be sure bathrooms are accessible and have convenient grab bars. Are there registered nurses on site? How do staffing patterns differ at night?

**Check on Personal Care.** Discuss bathing options and preferences. Observe current residents while visiting. Are they clean shaven, with well-groomed hair and nails? Are the residents dressed appropriately?

**Ask About Move-Out Criteria.** Under what circumstances is a resident asked to move out? What notice does the resident or caregiver need to give the staff? Oftentimes, a 30 day notice is required by the property.

**Trust Your Instincts.** Think about your loved one living in the community. Do you feel at ease? The place doesn't have to be the most beautiful to be the best fit. Follow your instincts and your heart.

### How to Learn More

For more details on these helpful tips and further suggestions on how to find the right senior living options, visit www.aplaceformom.com or call (877) 311-6090.

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# *Special Needs In The ER*

Emergency patients over the age of 74 have significantly different and more complex health and social needs than their younger counterparts, even after controlling for illness severity, which has important implications about aging populations and emergency departments of the future. The results of the most extensive international study of the characteristics and outcomes of older emergency patients to be reported to date were published online Tuesday in *Annals of Emergency Medicine* ("Profiles of Older Patients in the Emergency Department: Findings from the InterRAI Multinational Emergency Department Study") http://myurl.com/openmba.

"These patients have complex profiles before they come to the ER, and even more complicated needs once they get there," said lead study author Leonard C. Gray, MD, PhD, of the Centre for Research in Geriatric Medicine at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia. "Dependence on others and geriatric illnesses, such as cognitive impairment and mobility problems, affect the majority of older emergency patients across a wide range of nations with different health systems and cultural contexts. They require specialized care to avoid missed diagnoses, pressure ulcers and a range of other potential problems associated with this particular population."

Researchers examined medical records for 2,282 patients older than 74 in 13 different emergency departments in seven countries (Australia, Belgium, Canada, Germany, Iceland, India and Sweden). Functional and cognitive problems increased dramatically after patients arrived at the emergency department.

More than one-third (37 percent) of patients had a recent fall, prior to coming to the emergency department.

Prior to visiting the emergency department, nearly half (46 percent) were dependent on others in one or more activities of daily living; after coming to the emergency department, only 13 percent were completely independent in all activities. In the emergency department, 26 percent displayed symptoms of cognitive impairment, whereas before coming to the ER only 20 percent had cognitive difficulties. Before coming to the ER, 26 percent of older patients could not walk without supervision; after coming to the ER, that number rose to 49 percent.

"Frailty, confusion and dependence on others make these our most fragile emergency patients," said Dr. Gray. "Specialized training in geriatric care and even specialized layout and procedures can help us provide the best assessment and care. The growing prevalence of older patients in ERs around the world suggests a need for careful scrutiny of current clinical practice and design of emergency departments worldwide."

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# *State Kicks Off Campaign To Protect Seniors From Abuse*

Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) Director John K. Holton, Ph.D., on July 2nd kicked off Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in Illinois. Elder abuse refers to a caregiver or another person known by the victim that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult 60 years of age or older. Each year in July the state observes a month long campaign to educate and raise awareness about elder abuse. Governor Pat Quinn issued a proclamation for Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month.

"This year marks the ninth year of the statewide campaign and since starting the annual campaign we have documented an increase in the number of calls to report suspected abuse," said Director Holton. "There are more than two million older adults, ages 60 and older, in Illinois. And it is estimated about five percent of Illinois older adults fall victim to elder abuse, neglect, scam, but most incidents go unreported. If you suspect abuse, report it."

IDoA operates a 24 hour hotline for the purpose of reporting the abuse, neglect or financial exploitation of an eligible adult. The number for the 24 hour Adult Protective Services Hotline is (866) 800-1409 or TTY (888) 206-1327. Trained professionals on the hotline take reports of abuse and promptly forward them to local protective service agencies and/or law enforcement. There are resources to help victims and all calls and information related to suspected abuse are confidential. Look for specific indications that may help point to abuse:

Unexplained injuries, bruises, burns, sprains or dislocations, scratches and cuts.

Sudden changes in behavior, unusual depression and/or withdrawal in social settings.

Tense relationships frequent arguments with the caregiver or a caregiver's refusal to allow visitors.

Dehydration, unusual weight loss, poor hygiene, untreated health problems, unsafe living conditions, and

Sudden financial changes: bank account practices, additional names on victim's bank signature card, unauthorized withdrawal of victim's funds using victim's ATM credit card. Abrupt changes in a will or other financial documents.

Since the start of Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month campaign that stresses the importance of reporting suspected elder abuse, numbers of reported cases of Illinois have increased. In FY 05, the year prior to starting the campaign, only 8,884 reports of elder abuse were received. In FY 12 [illegible] 540 reports were received.

This month's awareness campaign coincides with IDoA expanding its adult protective services (APS) to people both disabled and 60 and older living in a domestic setting. As of July [illegible] APS expanding responsibilities of the Adults with Disabilities Elderly Abuse Program to north of the Department of Human Services, is handled by IDoA.

For general information about programs to assist older adults in Illinois and their caregivers call the Department on Aging Senior Helpline at 1-800-252-8966 or for TTY (hearing impaired assistance) call 1-888-206-1327.

# Medicare For Workers Over 65

(NAPSA) Turning 65 has traditionally been associated with the start of a person's retirement and, accordingly, receipt of Medicare coverage. But if you are one of the 10,000 baby boomers turning 65 every day and you choose to work past the traditional retirement age, it's important that you understand how this choice impacts your Medicare coverage.

Medicare enrollment can be confusing, especially if you work past age 65 and have employer-sponsored health coverage," says Tom Paul, chief consumer officer, UnitedHealthcare. "Regardless of when you plan to retire, it's important to learn about Medicare as you approach your 65th birthday so you have time to consider your options and can feel confident about the choices you make."

Keep these things in mind:

**Timing Matters:** Pay attention to your Initial Enrollment Period (IEP). The IEP is a seven month period that includes the three months before your 65th birthday, the month of your birthday, and the three months after your birthday. You should understand how your enrollment choices during the IEP could impact your health care coverage both now and in the future. Keep in mind that many people choose to enroll in Medicare Part A (for hospital care) when they turn 65 even if they have employer coverage, for most people Part A is available for no monthly premium and can be combined with some employer-sponsored health plans.

**Penalties and Gaps Are Possible:** If you don't sign up for Medicare coverage during your IEP, you could experience a gap in coverage later and could also incur penalties on your premiums for Medicare Part B (doctor's visits) and Part D (prescription medications). To avoid these scenarios, be proactive in contacting Medicare to notify them of your delayed enrollment and make sure you understand the rules and requirements for future enrollment.

**HR Can Help:** Your employer's HR or benefits coordinator can help you understand your current health coverage and when you should enroll in Medicare. Some key questions to ask:

Should I enroll in Original Medicare while I continue to receive employer-sponsored benefits? It's not always an either/or situation. Sometimes people can combine their employer-sponsored coverage with Medicare benefits.

Does my employer-sponsored plan offer prescription drug benefits that qualify as "creditable coverage"? If the answer is yes, then you won't need to enroll in Medicare Part D as long as you have your employer-sponsored coverage.

When I am ready to retire, what steps will I need to take to fully transition to Medicare coverage or retiree benefits through my employer? Be sure to plan well in advance as it can take several months for your Medicare enrollment to be processed. Waiting too long could face a lapse in coverage if you wait until the last minute.

If you would like further information on Medicare, the IEP and how Medicare differs from employer-sponsored health coverage, you can call 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY 1-877-486-2048) 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or visit these websites: www.Medicare.gov and www.MedicareMadeClear.com.

# Little Company Of Mary Seeks Hospice Volunteers

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers invites members of the community to become a Hospice Volunteer. The Hospice Program provides compassionate care to patients with a terminal diagnosis. Patients are cared for in their homes, cultivated by the people who love them.

The Hospice program at Little Company of Mary is one of the first in the area and has been serving the terminally ill in their homes since 1978. The program provides spiritual, medical, emotional and social support to those at the final stages of life – and their families.

Hospice volunteers are trained and supervised, and can work in the patient's home, nursing home, or in the hospice office where they provide administrative support to the Hospice team.

Training will take place both 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 27th & August 3rd in Little Company of Mary's Cancer Center, located at 2800 West 95th in Evergreen Park. Attendance is required at both sessions. If you are interested in becoming a Hospice Volunteer and want more information or can't attend both sessions, call Ann Pudak at (708) 229-6[illegible].

# Cruise Contest Calling Family Caregivers

Family caregivers understand all too well the stress of caring for an aging loved one – and how important it is to take a break. That's why Chicago-area residents are invited to nominate deserving family caregivers – or themselves – for the opportunity to win a free, five day cruise and some much needed rest and relaxation.

The Home Instead Senior Care® network is sponsoring the cruise for one lucky caregiving hero and guest. Submit your nomination and vote by visiting [illegible] and liking "Cruise Caregivers" page.

The five night, four day Caregiver Cruise is scheduled to depart Feb. [illegible], 2014. The cruise will set sail from Cape Canaveral, Florida with stops in the Bahamas, Coco Cay and Nassau. In addition to the cruise, the winning recipient and guest will receive 40 hours of free care from a Home Instead Senior Care professional CAREGiver® for their senior loved one while they are away.

"The stress of caregiving eventually takes its toll on those looking after an aging family member," said Jeff Haber, President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Home Instead Inc., the franchisor of the Home Instead Senior Care network. "That's why we are pleased to be sponsoring this tropical get away for a deserving family caregiver."

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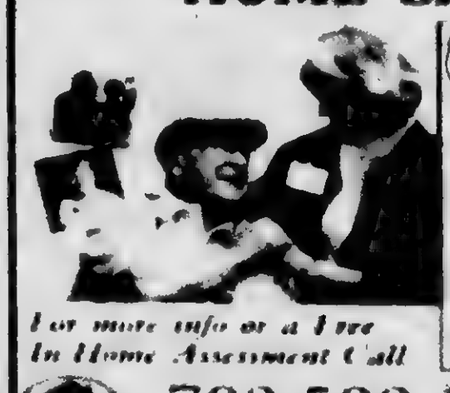

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# Seniors: Take Aim Against Silent Killers

(NAPSA) If you're age 65 or older, odds are you have a chronic condition. According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, about 80 percent of seniors in the U.S. have at least one chronic condition. The most common chronic conditions among seniors are "silent killers" – diseases such as high blood pressure, diabetes and heart disease that often have no physical symptoms. Despite their silent nature, these conditions may result in life-threatening complications, disability and significant costs if not properly managed.

"A chronic condition like diabetes or heart disease should not be taken lightly," says Rhonda Randall, D.O., geriatrician and chief medical officer, UnitedHealthcare Medicare & Retirement. "It's important to get screened for these illnesses annually, even if you don't have symptoms. If you have a chronic condition, educate yourself and take action to help reduce your risk of serious complications."

**Know your risk factors:** Everything from your age, gender and genetics to your diet and exercise affect your risk for chronic conditions. Having regular doctor visits and preventive screenings can help manage potential risks. Medicare covers the cost of many preventive services for people with chronic conditions, including an annual wellness visit at no co-pay.

**Reset your lifestyle:** Simple diet and exercise changes can help reduce your risk of health complications. If you live a sedentary lifestyle, get back into an activity you enjoy doing. Review the services offered by your health plan. Many Medicare Advantage plans offer additional benefits and services to help members live healthier lifestyles, including nutritionist counseling, wellness programs and gym memberships. If you smoke, get out your calendar and circle the day you plan to quit today. Medicare now covers counseling for smoking cessation support.

**Have a plan:** If you have a chronic condition, good self-management skills may help make the difference between a healthier life and regular visits to the emergency room. Talk with a health professional about what you need to do to manage your condition, develop a treatment plan and set specific goals. Share your plan with family and friends.

**Consider specialized Medicare coverage:** Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans cover all the services under Original Medicare plus additional benefits and services that may help beneficiaries with chronic conditions live a healthier life. For example, UnitedHealthcare offers plans for Medicare beneficiaries with diabetes, heart failure and/or chronic lung disorders. By working with members and their physicians to coordinate care, Special Needs Plans have been shown to improve health care outcomes among beneficiaries with chronic conditions.

**Learn More**

For more information on Medicare options for those with chronic conditions, visit www.MedicareMadeClear.com.

For information on how to protect against silent killer diseases, visit the American Heart Association at www.Heart.org.

Information on Medicare preventive services may be found at www.Medicare.gov.

# Age-Related Eye Disease

(NAPSA) There could be good news for many people who take vitamins and other nutritional supplements to help protect their health. A new study from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) helps clarify which are most effective and safe for treating age-related macular degeneration (AMD), a common eye disease among people age 50 and over.

**The Problem**

AMD breaks down cells in the back of the eye that provide sharp central vision, necessary for reading, driving and recognizing faces. Advanced AMD can lead to significant vision loss and is a leading cause of blindness in the United States. About 2 million Americans have advanced AMD, another 8 million are at risk. Smoking is a major risk factor.

**The Good News**

Fortunately, the National Eye Institute's (NEI) Age-Related Eye Disease Study (AREDS) found that a combination of vitamins C and E, beta-carotene and the minerals zinc and copper–called the AREDS formulation–can help reduce the risk of advanced AMD by 25 percent.

**The Latest News**

In a follow-up study, AREDS2, the researchers discovered that adding omega-3 fatty acids didn't really help, neither did adding lutein and zeaxanthin. Lutein and zeaxanthin together, however, proved to be a safe and effective substitute for beta-carotene, which has been linked to lung cancer risk in smokers.

**Doctors' Advice**

Study findings show a link between beta-carotene use and lung cancer risk not only for smokers but even for former smokers. "Adding lutein and zeaxanthin in place of beta-carotene could improve the AREDS formulation for both smokers and nonsmokers," said lead investigator Emily Chew, MD.

People over 50 should get a dilated eye exam at least once a year and consult an eye care professional before using AREDS supplements.

# *Seniors Serve Town By Serving Breakfast*

(NAPSA) A group of seniors with imagination and initiative recently demonstrated how committed volunteers can make a difference in a community.

When the only breakfast spot in the small farming community of Rochester, Mass., closed, the seniors who lived there lost an important gathering spot.

But then the volunteers came. Older adults living in the town started a community breakfast program at the nearby senior center–and the volunteers ran the program on their own.

**Keeping Things Cooking**

Four years later, the volunteers keep Ye Olde Breakfast Shoppe cooking. The town's seniors can start their day with a hot meal and smiles from friends who keep them healthy and active.

The volunteers reap the health benefits that come from helping others, and running the program keeps them learning every day. And the senior center is now helping three times as many people who need counseling, transportation, exercise, wellness programs and the like.

**A New Kind Of Volunteer**

This project is an example of the power of older adult volunteers. Their skills, talents and passion can make life better for older adults in need. Some are volunteering in new ways, setting their own hours, leading their own projects, and offering the experience they've developed over a lifetime, to help organizations like the Rochester senior center meet rising needs as America ages.

**The Power Of Powerl P'**

Through its Powerl P' Initiative, the Aging Network's Volunteer Collaborative, a project of the U.S. Administration on Aging, is striving to create 1 million volunteers in aging and disability services by 2015.

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Treats, refreshments and cool giveaways will be given to every child attending this fun event. The first 50 children to attend will be treated to a FREE Child Safety Gift Bag with items to help keep them safe.

This event is free and open to all Standard Bank customers and anyone interested in learning more about child safety. Standard Bank is proud to have this opportunity to give back to the community. For more information, contact Standard Bank at (800) 499-2265.

# Lapidary Class At The Center

The Center offers a six-week lapidary class beginning Wednesday, July 17th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 2700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park.

Instructor Sharon Hyrne teaches students to use rock saws and water cooled wheels for turning rough hunks of rock into polished gemstones. The Center's lapidary program works in tandem with The Center's silver jewelry classes, which enable students to set their stones into silver fittings.

The 6-week class cost is $84 plus a $10 materials fee for new students. Students purchase rocks for future projects. Advance registration is required. Call The Center at (708) 361-3655.

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# Park Lawn Receives Grant

**Local non-profit Park Lawn was the recent recipient to a grant donation of $15,120 from the Caesar Foundation to fund the expanded art and music therapy activities for aging individuals with developmental disabilities in Park Lawn's GRACE program.**

The GRACE Program stands for Generating Resources for Aging through Collaborative Energies. It is an initiative designed to ensure that Park Lawn's older participants maintain an active and purposeful life as they transition into their senior years. This program was created to actively engage the growing number of Park Lawn participants who can no longer partake in other day programs, including vocational training and placement, due to age-related issues such as dementia, change of health status, retirement or other related concerns.

Since its beginning in 2009, the number of GRACE Program participants has increased from 8 to 22. Six of our participants have Down's syndrome, while another 6 participants' disabilities resulted from mental disorders and 6 are considered physically disabled. Eleven of the participants are also visually impaired or blind, while another 2 are deaf or hearing impaired. Based on Park Lawn's client participation, Program Director Frank Portada estimates the GRACE Program will grow by 12%. The increased participation represents the growing aging population within the Park Lawn physical and intellectual disability community.

This program aids our older participants in maintaining a functional and purposeful life by contributing their unique gifts through a choice of special program activities in a safe environment. Music Therapy became one of the activities in 2011, designed for GRACE program participants to socialize, maintain their health and prevent further deterioration of their cognitive and motor skills. Art Therapy was added in 2012. Park Lawn receives music and art therapy from the Institute for Therapy through the Arts (ITA), a nationally recognized creative arts therapy program.

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## Oak Lawn Police Calls

On June 22, it was reported that two tires were slashed on a District 218 activities bus as it was parked on the south side of Richards High School, 10601 S. Central Ave. It will cost $500 to repair.

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On June 23, Edward H. Zisner of Joliet was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of cannabis and improper lane usage after a traffic stop at 95th and Meade Ave.

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On June 24, Andres G. Amador and Javier Contreras both of Summit, were arrested for street racing, aggravated speeding, after a traffic stop at 95th and Cook Avenue. They were doing 63 mph in a 35 mph zone at 95th and Central Ave. Amador was also charged with possession of a controlled substance for having a baggie containing one gram of cocaine and Contreras was also charged with driving without insurance.

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On June 24, Michael Anthony Weedman of Chicago was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance, no rear registration light and no taillights after a traffic stop at 94th and Cicero.

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On June 24, Aspin W. Odom of Chicago was arrested for driving on a suspended license and speeding after a traffic stop at 95th and Pulaski.

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On June 24, Vickie L. Lamonto of Oak Lawn was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance and improper backing after a traffic accident in the 9400 block of Southwest Highway.

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On June 24, it was reported that a restaurant at 6035 W. 95th Street was burglarized. The business owner reported finding the drive-through window was broken out and two register drawers containing about $1,000 were missing.

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On June 25, it was reported that a garage and car in the 10300 block of S. Laflin Ave. were burglarized. A homeowner told police that a vehicle parked in the driveway had been broken into and the nearby garage had also been broken into. Loose change was taken from the car and tools were found thrown in the grass outside. It was found that beer and other items were taken from the garage and a second vehicle was also burglarized.

# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Army Pvt. Michael R. Montana has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. Montana is a 2012 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School in Oak Lawn.

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Robert Roth, of Springfield, was promoted to the rank of colonel on July 1st at Camp Lincoln in Springfield, Il. Roth is the staff judge advocate for the Illinois Army National Guard and the Illinois Department of Military Affairs. He serves as the senior, full-time legal adviser and counselor to the Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard and Director of the Department of Military Affairs and to the state and federal staff of those agencies. He has more than 25 years of combined service as a judge advocate. He commissioned in the U.S. Air Force in 1987 where he served six years on active duty and later joined the Illinois Army National Guard in 1993.

Roth was joined at the promotion ceremony by his wife, retired Lt. Col. Sharon Star, his children, Samantha and Zack, and his sister Beth Chuaiese of Chicago.

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I'm a little behind with recognizing the Veterans of the Month for May and June.

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs recognized Major Gen. James H. Mukoyama, Jr. of Glenview, a prominent veteran leader with over 30 years of service to his community, county and to his fellow veterans, as the Illinois Veteran of the Month for May 2013. Mukoyama's service began in the Army in 1965 upon graduation from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature, followed by a Master's degree in the Teaching of Social Studies in 1966. During his 5 years of active duty, Mukoyama served in the demilitarized zone in South Korea and as an infantry company commander in Vietnam where he was wounded and received the Silver Star for gallantry. Leaving active duty, he served nearly 28 years commanding at the company, battalion, brigade, and division levels in the Army Reserves. He was the youngest General Officer in the entire U.S. Army in 1987 and subsequently the youngest Major General when promoted 3 years later. In 1989, he became the first Asian-American to command an Army division and led the 78th Training Division to participate in Operation Desert Storm in January 1991.

Following his 38-year career in the financial services industry, including membership on the New York Stock Exchange and the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Mukoyama established Military Outreach Greater Chicago (MOGC), a faith-based 501(c)3 serving active military, veterans and their families, to help them cope with the visible and invisible wounds associated with military service.

His decorations and badges include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, 3 Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Parachutist Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, and Combat Infantryman's Badge. He was nominated by Kenneth Clark, President, Pritzker Military Library.

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Petty Officer 1st Class Elisabeth Ann Risley of Round Lake, a prominent veteran leader with over 30 years of service to her community, county and to fellow veterans, was the first woman selected as Illinois Veteran of the Month for June 2013.

Risley joined the Navy in 1980 as a Hospital Corpsman to continue her family's tradition of naval service. After over four years of active duty stateside and in Guam, she transferred to the Navy Reserve. In Aug. 1990 she was recalled to active duty with the rank of Petty Officer 1st Class, in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. While on active duty she was diagnosed and treated for breast cancer and subsequently was medically retired. After leaving the service, and in spite of medical challenges, she continued to serve her fellow veterans. Risley was a veterans' representative to the Lake County Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) and manned the office there, taking calls, assisting veterans and answering questions regarding benefits and claims. As an officer in the American Legion, she served as Post Chaplain, as well as a Legion Rider, supporting veteran funerals, welcome home celebrations and other events.

Her decorations include the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon, Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, and the Marksman Pistol Ribbon. Petty Officer 1st Class Risley was nominated for consideration by Michael P. Peck, Superintendent of the Lake County VAC.

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Quote of the Week

*I do not object to people looking at their watches when I am speaking. But I strongly object when they start shaking them to make certain they are still going.*

Lord Birkett

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***Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.***

# Richards Second Semester Honor Roll

Harold L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn proudly announces that the students listed below earned honor roll status for the second semester of the 2012-2013 school year. Students with a grade point average between 3 and 3.49 qualified for Honor Roll, between 3.5 and 3.99 for High Honors, and, 4.0 or above earned for Honors With Distinction." It is possible to exceed a GPA of 4.0 with weighted grades offered in honors and Advanced Placement courses.

**Honors with Distinction**

**Freshmen** - Andrew Gacek, Kimberly McEvilly, Kaitlyn Nestor, Ian O'Reilly, Sabrina Ramahi, Basheer Touheh, Jason Malho, Hani Salameh, Courtney Leverenz, Sara Kuzniak, Meghan Murphy, Laila Gaamoom, David Allen, Emily Christian, Nicole Hansen, Margaret Kowalski, Aileen Kuypers, Ryan Renken, Emily Kunz, Gelena Alnas, Thomas Artz, Liliana Dunterman, Ronnie Mayfield, Zachary Rizzo, Brianna Senodenos, Autumn Black, Emer Moloney, Natalie Fadden, Lauryn McManus, Sydney Torres, Aleksandra Piotrowski, Caroline Szpetlak, Lidia Turwon, Abigail Warwick, Bryan Del Toro, Gina Guerra, Ralph Reyes, Dana Garrett, Justin Grochowski, Nicholas Kargol, Erica Parks, Sean Good, Kelsey Bergman, Ahmad Abdallah, Taher Rafati, Nicholas Fritz, Andrea Taylor, Suha Ahmad, Pawel Rusnak, Sami Bourjas, China Burton, Marissa Corsiatto, Ryan Kovat, Jennifer Soto, and Jordan Wells.

**Sophomores** - Caitlin O'Sullivan, Vanessa Kalinowska, Khaled Almusa, Kevin Kozik, Angelika Kwak, Jannah Alawi, Jessica Gall, Agata Bernat, Katelyn Sullivan, Elizabeth Chaparro, Siobhan Fox, Caroline Azem, Sana Barakat, Hala Rafati, Charbel Bourjas, Sarah Magana, Roxanne Segina, Jeanine Cyze, Natalia Hornik, Alyssa Van, Julia Cott, Kyle Kachnowski, Diana Daoud, Abby Gentile, Dana Wojcik, Halee Barker, Claire Onak, Parth Patel, Thomas Doon, Mohammad Ramahi, Kevin Williams, Michael Rures, Dylan Jankowski, Kaitlyn Letchko, Kristen Kaminsky, Adhem Himawi, Hailey Czerwinski, Frank Werner, Erika Danyner, Kristin Kasper, Matas Leskauskas, Maciej Machaj, Tara Rivera, Colton Stermer, Gabriella Bandera, Michael McCarthy, Jessica Huracbe, Aleya Bakon, Joshua Kamba, Celina Clifton, Kathryn Crowley, Victoria Gomez, Fabian Martinez, Dedrick Shannon, Abigail Cwiklinski, Alesha Lopez, Damian Stelmach, Emily Wetzel, Raneen Razick, Lauren Spearman, Robert Cook, Julia Kennedy, Alyssa Lee, Erika Fringer, Taylor Turrise, Mary Waters, Emma Gullickson, Latina Almusa, Steven Jackson, Angeles Ochoa-Raya, Katherine DiPietro, Allison Houlihan, Maggie McGreal, Adam Nasser, Reyna Ocampo, and Lindsay Thompson.

**Juniors** - Madeline Doon, Brendan Coughlan, Agata Chmiel, Adrian Reczek, Nicole Reed, Gelique Ayala, Alec Kleczkowski, Gervacio Cabel, Sara Tobin, Eda Guven, Ahmad Shubat, Kiersten Bergquist, Collin Page, Andreea Rusu, Michael Longo, Jacob Gacek, Lauren Quadrazus, Alex Rijek, Alex Villafuerte, Cheyenne Syring, Michael Marchione, Brooke Schiever, Summer Campbell, Lydia Eiring, Marcel Rancel, Theodore Groche, Michael Walt, Matthew Mazan, Anne Sotiros, John Sutko, Chloe Kasper, Brianna LaPapa, Daniel Krasch, Evangelo Anagnostopoulos, Tatiana Dixon, Hab Gertz, Robert Straits, Kaitlyn Gruszkowski, Shareen Touheh, Tyler Hancock, Robert Rejoli, Amanda Perez, Suzan Ahmad, Neil Flood, Carolyn Mayer, Griffin Forberg, Connor Page, Eric Krasch, Valentina Bellesi, Abdallah Altammi, Sanna Easton, Muaz Musa, Sara McNeilly, Andrew Schramm, Gabriele Fink, Rama Al-Ali, Valerie Lockwood, Anja Hill, Taryn Dubiel, Bernardo Perea, Juliet Lucente, Sarah Lavelle, Charles Zeschke, Meagan Albon, Adam Fritz, Ernesto Ojeda, Erik Quinlan, and Hasan Uwainat.

**Seniors** - Nethaum Mizyed, Elizabeth Gacek, Mahmoud Abdel, Hadeel Altaher, Nicole Norris, Brendan Johnson, Jasmine Ortega, Dariusz Olbrychta, Yvita Bustos, Eftihia Petoulas, Haley Wernert, Nyssa Amato, Peter Gavrilos, Alyssa Straits, Rebecca Dunterman, Francisco DeLoera, Kelly Kaminsky, Murad Musa, Amber Kunz, Emily Guerin, Neil Skowinski, Kelly McGreal, Jordan Moeller, Arely Flores, Carlos Rodriguez, Lauren Davis, Taylor Gabby, Jeffrey O'Boyle, Nicholas Costa, Rachel Thomas, Jacob Kendryna, Vanessa Huerta-Correa, Kara Rockey, Nicole Kasper, Omar Cattan, Hanna Grochal, Brian Artz, Mohammed Ahmed, Aminah Garcia, Angelica Alba, Briana Allen, Elizabeth Zuckterman, Jordan Jackson, Taylor Newton, Tyler Mitchell, Natalia Barajas, Oleksandr Gorobets, Alyssa Valach, Issa Abutaa, Sahar Barakat, Nicholas Lisowski, Ashley Alekna, Jason Callan, Zachary Larson, James Wujcik, Courtney Bodman, Kelsey Carter, Brianna Bickerstaff, Bethany Edmonds, Piotr Mazurek, Allison Koehler, Ramon DeShazer, Roderick Polk and Kyle Schrage.

**High Honors**

**Freshmen** - Daniel Wescott, Alan Balich, Jordan Merrill, Celeste Montenegro, Najah Muhamad, Eric Scott Jr., Tyler Timmons, Tia Carr, Chantal Galsim, Melissa Perez, Zenab Alawi, Amer Khairallah, Kylie Kowalski, Summer Levy, Vanessa Martinez, Kyle Sendra, Fansel Shehadeh, Egle Zelinkevicute, Melanie Melker, Melanie Tirado, Marek Warywoda, Asma Abdulhafid, John Wysocki, Brianna Haynes, Karina Mikols, Jaliyah Mitchell, Elizabeth Wisniowicz, Mostaz Shaikh, Patrick Strahorn, Sabina Turbiarz, Erin Moss, Seema Atshan, Sultan Benson, Montrell Bryant, Taylor Cox, Amy Gill, Angelo Hall, Corey McNamara, Kiah Vance, Minerva Espindola, Thomas Groche, Takia Kelly-Gordon, Jocelyn Mosley, Rawan Naser, Ashley Zavala, Jade Knapp, Dominique Miller, Dylan Penny, Justin Ragland-Williams, Maria Salas, Reem Saleh, Rachel Wilkosz, and Christopher Zeschke.

**Sophomores** - Blake Odette, Halimah Prunty, Bria Cunningham, Iteris Taylor, Tyler Demma, Yousef Ahmed, Jillian Long, Matthew Wysocki, Sami Ahmed, Thomas Campbell, Yazan Salameh, Christina Tiezkus, Raul Rentería, Oswaldo Flores, Aerial Odum, Christian Rueda, Natalie Sanchez-Loera, Brian Wolmer, Marissa Moreno, Abigail Del Castillo, Michael Pierce, Abigail Cronkhite, Alexandro Del Alcaraz, Samantha Waller, Cole Armstead, Regina Potter, Sara Issa, Paul Barnes, Suhair Alkhalili, Brittany Huttner, and Ahmad Samara.

**Juniors** - Olivia Ryan, Devon Reves, Amanda Alba, Ahmed Mizyed, McKayla Smith, Andi Berregas, Leanne Cusack, Jason Mersya, Michael Makri, Melody Melker, Kyle Garrett, Andrew Ball, Sami Sajad, Eric Mallo, Molly Pohrebny, Mahmoud Khalil, Ronnie Salmony, Matthew Dix, Martyna Ryzewska, Elizabeth Ganzer, Catrina Evans, Brianna Marek, Emmanuel Hicks, Shawn Charamonte, Sinan Masoud, Nathan Santiago, Camesha Hurst, Donald Macak, Esraa Aburass, Tambra Bullock, Mary Lurquin, Rachel Costa, Amanda Konkol, Nathaniel Natividad, Steven Meegan, Michael Lively, and Amanda Golembiewski.

**Seniors** - Justice Grabinski, Kristina Huggins, Dana Dolat, Jocelyn Wayer, Alissa James, Slawomir Klus, Katherine Condon, Jessica Sortino, Ashley Medel, Ciara Jordan, William Rybicki, Enrique Perez, Nicholas Malecki, Erik Burklund, Naglis Cicenas, Malik Holton, Krystina Carriglio, Justin Naval, Jessica Halal, Ji'Vone Freeman, John Kendryna, Deja Thomas, Gowhara Saleh, Tyler Fortier, Maria Rodriguez, Alexander Wernert, Alexis Torres, Gregory Doran, Jonathan Solus, Joseph Murphy, Allen Ocampo, Ariana Davis, Matthew Spagnola, Kylie Boettger, Cydnee Hunt, Randy Van, Lauren Hauman, Arif Mirza, Alyssa Contento, and Georgia Danos.

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**Sophomores** - Ryan Walt, Soudes Issa, Asha Jowers-Jordan, Juan Del Toro Gonzalez, Jack Doyle, Jonathan Jasper, Frank Kalemba, Andrea Somchsen, Thaddeus Spytral, Taylor Yanke, Patrick Flynn, Nicole Salazar, Maria Mazurek, Maya Michel, Jacob Nelson, Magdalini Lykouresis, Joshua Hettiger, Amin Ismaileh, Mousa Abutaa, Adrian Chavarria, Alleah Collins, Emily Bargouthi, Valerie Jane, Samantha Saffas, Jessica Aquies, Diego Gudinez, Tyler Craig, Kevin Leitker, Sergio Barajas, Samantha Zuckterman, Abdulrab Hussein, Nicole Jozefowicz, Noel Castro, Joshua Chason, Doaa Shehadeh, Brett Thomas, Henry Doan, Lydell Tyler, Adrian Garcia, Lance Klingensmith, Abigail Mitchell, Daniel Brandt, Dashawn Barnes, Jeanelle Brewster, David Sanchez, Natalia Labuda, Keith Somchsen, Robert Jones, Stephanie Rodriguez, Steven Grant, Micaiah Steele, George Guevara, Veronica Guerrero, Kathie Slimak, Mohammad Mohammad, Sandy Iol, Hana Tulemat, Jasmine Warr.

**Juniors** - Krystalyn Torres, Minh Le, Christina Kwartnik, Christopher Abrand, Ovidiu Szows, Alan Sanchez, Omar Youseffaha, Jasmonee Harris, Adrian Kmiecik, Mallory Putnam, Danielle Purnell, Chieu Vuong, Nicolas Almonaci, Sean O'Shea, Brianna Sekulski, Ashley Cohen, Shane Knapp, Patrick Muhne, Anthony Mirabella, Katelin Wisniowicz, Eric Ruge, Nicholas Petrusevski, Michael Marlow, Alexis Juarez, Thomas Gruszkowski, Emily Heinstra, Jonathan Shepard, Omar Saleh, Zoe Cervantes, Shane Mills, Sab Moflehi, Shereen Naser, Taylor Somchsen, Alicia Jacklin, Mohamed Mohsen, Louis Simik, Timothy Doran, Charlyn Santos, Rachel Johnsen, Madigan McKeough, Taneka Morris, Soha Natour, Karis-Jamal Conner, Veronica Cuellen, Camille Lusoya, Amber Maali, Jasmine Serrano, and Alexis Stephens.

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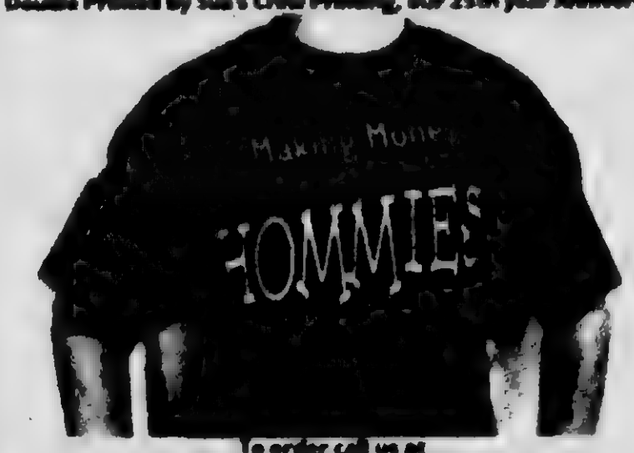


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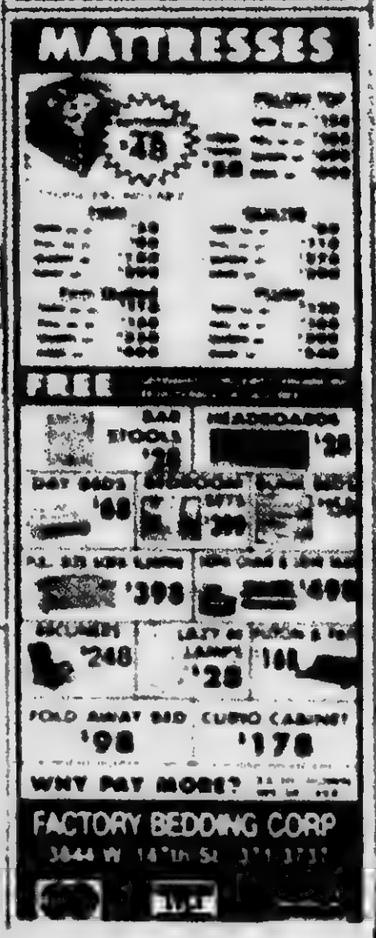


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION STANDARD BANK & TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff v. STANDARD BANK & TRUST COMPANY NOT PERSONALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF TRUST NO. 19009 DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2008 S S B L INC. STANLEY SIUTA SOPHIA SIUTA UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF STANDARD BANK & TRUST COMPANY NOT PERSONALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF TRUST NO. 19009 DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2008 UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 12 CH 19124 6838 W LODGE AVE CHICAGO IL 60631

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 18, 2012, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on July 22, 2013 at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6838 WEST LODGE AVENUE, UNIT 1A, CHICAGO, IL 60631

Property Index No. 13-17-111-014

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and potential bidders are responsible to determine the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If the property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance by certified funds within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information: call Mr. Anthony Porto at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg LLC, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563, (630) 393-1700. Anyone intending to attend the sale should call the foreclosure hotline at 630-453-6960 for recorded information concerning status of the sale. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 14-IL-

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SPECIALTY UNDERWRITING AND RESIDENTIAL FINANCE TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-B1 Plaintiff v. LETICIA SANCHEZ, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LETICIA SANCHEZ, IF ANY, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE INVESTMENT LENDING ASSOCIATES, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 09 CH 28649 2700 WEST 69TH PLACE, EVERGREEN PARK, IL 60805

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 10, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 1, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2700 WEST 69TH PLACE, EVERGREEN PARK, IL 60805.

Property Index No. 24-01-21-102-026-0000

The real estate is improved with a brick house, detached 1.5 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and potential bidders are responsible to determine the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If the property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance by certified funds within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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# Southwest Area Obituaries

**William E. Andrist Sr.**

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for William E. Andrist Sr. He was a Vietnam Army Veteran.

He is survived by his wife Karen, his children William Jr. and John (Raquel) and daddy to Frankie, five grandchildren, and his brother Dan Andrist.

**John Walter Bandusky**

Mass was said at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, on Wednesday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for John Walter Bandusky, 58, of West Beverly and Palos Heights. He was a miniature cannon enthusiast and a member of the Sea Cost Artillery of the Grey Beard Outdoors.

He is survived by his brother Raymond J.

**Lillia Boggio**

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Thursday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Lillia Boggio, 91, a longtime resident of Oak Forest, formerly of Chicago's Roseland area. She was retired from Harbor Tool Manufacturing, Inc.

She is survived by her husband Joseph, her children Alexander (Jan) Boggio and Massimo (Paula) Boggio, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Otha Donaubauer**

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Otha "Ray" Donaubauer, 66, a veteran.

He is survived by his wife Cheryl, his children Keith (Tammy) and Brian Donaubauer, four grandchildren, his sisters Joann Ivnes and Laura Smith, and his brothers Jack (Catherine) Warren Jr., William Linhart and Bruce Linhart.

**Gary A. Gentzle**

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with private interment, for Gary A. Gentzle, 58. He was a retired police officer.

He is survived by his wife Sharon, his children Brian (Anna) Gentzle and Lori (Phillip) Niersbach, one grandchild and his mother Lauranne Evensen and his brother Craig Gentzle.

**Janice L. Haack**

A Memorial Service was held at All Saints Lutheran Church, Orland Park, on Monday, for Janice L. Haack, 61, of Orland Hills. She was a self-employed child care giver.

She is survived by her husband James J., her son Jason (Michelle) Klang, one grandson, her sister Madelyn Andre and her brother Doug (Kathy) Klang.

**Robert A. Haugh M.D.**

Mass was said at St. Barnabas Church, Beverly, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Dr. Robert A. Haugh, M.D., 71.

He is survived by his wife Anna Marie, his children Joshua and Kevin Haugh, and his brother James (Jane) Haugh and his sister Marjorie H. Stephan.

**Walter D. Leslie**

Mass was said at St. Barnabas Church, Chicago, on Saturday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Walter D. "Buck" Leslie. He was 88. He was a Sergeant in the US Army during WWII serving as a combat engineer in the Pacific Theatre in 1943. He was a Mt. Carmel High School graduate and a 34-year employee of Illinois Bell and a longtime usher at St. Barnabas Church.

He is survived by his wife Jean, his children Tim (Lisa) Leslie, Mary (Jim) Finn, Margie (Dan) O'Connell, Dick Leslie, Bill (Marianne) Leslie and Joany (Ubaldo) Alvarez, and many grand and great-grandchildren and his sister Bette Campbell.

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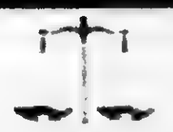

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**On Wednesday, July 10th, the Chamber held its annual Golf Outing which is the Chamber's largest fundraiser. Our sincere thanks to this year's Major Sponsor, Standard Bank and Trust Co. Ninety plus golfers came out to enjoy the links at Stony Creek Golf Course. This year National Golf Outing came out and provided the Shotmaker scramble, a fresh and fun format which gave golfers more chances to win prizes.**

**The day began with lunch sponsored by Oak Lawn Firefighters & Paramedics Local # 3405. On the course, golfers were treated to four "watering holes" courtesy of Hilton Oak Lawn, Les Brothers Restaurant, Oak Lawn Patch and Southwest Orthopedics. The Cart Sponsor this year was Marquette Bank.**

**The Chamber received overwhelming support from Chamber members and many Oak Lawn businesses in the form of sponsorships, products and gift certificates. We had 46 hole sponsors this year which gave the sponsors a great opportunity to network with each and every golfer.**

**The winners of golf were Marquette Bank; 14 under (Jack Baker, Tom McGreal, Mitch Truesdale and Mark Wojack) and Les Brothers Restaurant, -5 (Matt Babich, Tom Bonick, Bill Les and Jim Les). The closest to the pin #5 were John Cotter and Lori Jadzak. The longest drive #10 winners were Rick Lanham and Tammy Girten.**

**Golfers also enjoyed the chance to try their luck at one of two raffles. More than 50 raffle baskets lined the tables, including liquor baskets, picnic gear, golf items, gift certificates and more. The Grand Raffle consisted of: Hawk Ford Car Care Package, Courtesy of Hawk Ford, won by Glen Kato of Cusack Insurance, 10 Karat Gold Baguette and Round Diamond Ring, Courtesy of W.A. Jewelers, won by Prusack Construction & Roofing, Inc., Blake Shelton Concerts Tickets, courtesy of First Midwest Bank, won by Gail Helwig of 21st Century Chiropractic, Amazon Kindle Fire HD 8.9, Courtesy of The Private Bank, won by Maggie Olsen, Framed Student Art Print, Courtesy of Park Lawn, won by Kenwood Liquors.**

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Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ of Oak Lawn invites the children and their parents to their "Everywhere Fun Fair" Vacation Bible School July 29 through August 2 from 9 until 11:30 a.m.

Each day will feature games, crafts, Bible stories and cool music with dance moves. Children, age four through fifth grade are welcome. Cost is $5 per child for the whole week.

The church is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. Register at http://2013.vokesbury.vbs.com/pilgrimfaithvbs or call (708) 422-4200.

## *Welcome Father Mark Walter As Pastor Of St. Linus Parish*

**As of July 1st Father Mark Walter (pictured) became the new Pastor at St. Linus Parish in Oak Lawn. He has been a priest for 25 years, having been ordained in 1988. Father Mark grew up on the south side and attended St. Laurence High School, Saint Xavier University, and Mundelein Seminary.**

**Father Mark comes to St. Linus from St. Christopher Parish in Midlothian, where he served as pastor for nine years. All of Father Mark's assignments have been on the south side. In addition to being a pastor, Father Mark serves as the Chaplain and occasional Theology teacher at Brother Rice High School in Chicago.**

**"Twenty five years ago, I had the opportunity to meet and admire Msgr. John Cardiff. While we were not 'friends', he was always very kind and supportive of me when I was a young priest, and even when I was a new pastor. When I accepted the St. Linus pastorate, I asked Msgr. Cardiff to watch out for me again…I'm sure he will," said Father Mark.**

## Film Discussion

CineVerse, the Oak Lawn Park District's free weekly film discussion group, will examine "My Favorite Year" (1982) starring Peter O'Toole on Wednesday July 24, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Oak View Community Center 4625 W. 110th St. in Oak Lawn (check building signage for room number). For more information, call (708) 529-9028 or visit cineversegroup.blogspot.com

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 23 Tuesday Of Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JULY 24 Wednesday Farmers Market, Dumke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 am. to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday except Sept. 4th.)

JULY 24 Wednesday Green Team Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

JULY 25 Thursday Of Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

JULY 25 Thursday Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

JULY 25 Thursday Worth Township Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 1 Thursday Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. 8 p.m.

AUGUST 1 Thursday Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center Auditorium, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

AUGUST 2 Friday Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center 11601 S. Pulaski, 12:30 p.m.

AUGUST 3 Saturday District 11 "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon

AUGUST 5 Monday Planning & Development Commission Meeting 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 5 Monday Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

AUGUST 6 Tuesday Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

AUGUST 7 Wednesday Farmers Market, Dumke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 am. to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday except Sept. 4th.)

AUGUST 7 Wednesday Rules of the Road Driving Classes (free), Worth Township Seniors, 11601 Pulaski Road, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

AUGUST 7 Wednesday Appeals Board 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

AUGUST 8 Thursday Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

AUGUST 8 Thursday Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

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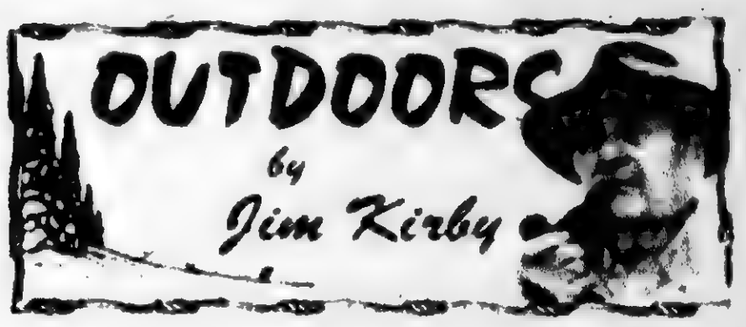


**CONCEAL-CARRY NOW STATE LAW:** After [illegible] of hearings and postponements, the Illinois House and Senate [illegible] the Governor's vote and this Great State of Illinois will finally join the other 49 states and have a Conceal Carry Law that should allow law abiding citizens to carry a concealed handgun for personal protection. But hold the phone! As you read this, communities across the state are writing their own ordinances that will create a hodge podge of variations to the law and create all sorts of as to when and where you can carry. An armed citizen could be arrested for carrying said by walking across the street to a different community. The legal battles will last for years. Safe to say that the federal government will have to get involved to [illegible] and straighten it out.

**●GUN HOMICIDES DOWN SINCE 1990s:** Gun homicides have dropped steeply since their 1993 peak, a part of a report recently released by the Justice Department. Congress battles over whether to tighten firearm restrictions or relaxing. A study released by the government's Bureau of Justice Statistics found that gun related [illegible] dropped from [illegible] Down at 39 percent [illegible].

Another report by Pew Research Center found a similar decline by looking at the rate of gun homicides which [illegible] the size of the crime [illegible] gun homicides per 100,000 people [illegible] 1993 to 2011 [illegible].

Both reports also found that most crime rates were down as well during the same period. The Justice report [illegible] crime victims [illegible] 1993 to 2011 [illegible].

**●OUTDOOR CALENDAR: July 18:** Lincoln Park Lakes Fishing Club meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Beverly Lowe Lodge, located at 9555 Oak Park Ave. in Oak Forest at 7 p.m. Guest fee is $5 which is applicable to the annual membership fee of $40. The club is a non-competitive fishing club. For more information go to www.[illegible].com. **July 20:** Kankakee Kolleges Moose Rendezvous begins all about bowhunting, six separate sessions, each 20 yds, $34 - $40. While in Moose stop in at **Brian's Place** for a snack or a cold one. Great outdoors atmosphere.

**●REGIONAL OUTDOOR NEWS: Illinois:** Watercraft owners are reminded that the IDNR is no longer mailing watercraft registration renewal notices. Watercraft owners can [illegible] 1-800-382-3542. The convenient system operates 24 hours a day. Forms of payment accepted: VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express and Debit. Upon completion of the transaction, watercraft owners will receive a confirmation number that will authorize the immediate use of their watercraft on Illinois waters. *Owners of non-motorized watercraft canoes, kayaks and paddle boats in Illinois are no longer required to have those watercraft titled/registered in Illinois, unless the vessels have a motor or a sail. They are now required to purchase a 'Water Usage Stamp' for $6 per year for each of the first three vessels and $3 each for additional vessels.

**Wisconsin:** Even with the recent heavy rains in the north, fishing success has been generally good. Largemouth and smallmouth bass have provided the most consistent action. *Muskie action has been continually improving with some mid 40-inch fish being reported in the last week. *Lake Michigan trout and salmon fishing was improving in some areas but slower in others. Some large fish were caught in the salmon derby in Manitowoc with a 28 pound Chinook taking the prize. (*Wisc Conservation Officer*)

**Michigan:** The Natural Resources Commission has renamed two special deer hunts for hunters with disabilities and modified rules for eligibility and the use of ground blinds. The Youth and 100 Percent Disabled Veteran Firearm Deer Hunting Days, scheduled for Sept. 21-22, has been renamed the Liberty Hunt. The Special Firearm Disabled Hunter Deer Hunting Days, scheduled for Oct. 17-20, is now called The Independence Hunt. *The changes are designed to allow hunters with disabilities to have a better chance of successfully harvesting a deer. *Additionally, the NRC waived the requirement that ground blinds be removed daily, as was previously required prior to Nov. 6th. Hunters with appropriate permits will now be allowed to leave the blinds up overnight until the season has concluded. *For information about hunting seasons and opportunities throughout the state go to www.michigan.gov/hunting. (*Michigan DNR*)

**Indiana:** Several rule changes were made to fish and wildlife laws by the Indiana General Assembly during this year's legislative session. House Bill 1563 incorporates all the changes that include Fish and Wildlife and took effect on July 1st. The bill can be found online at www.in.gov/apps/lsa/billtrack

**●THINK ABOUT IT:** "You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you are going because you might not get there." (*Yogi Berra, Madison Outdoors*)

**●E-Mail Jim Kirby:** *kirbyjim@[illegible]*

# 45 Years And Growing With Special Olympics Illinois

This week marks the 45th anniversary of the first Special Olympics competition and the beginning of a global movement that now includes more than 4 million adults and children with intellectual disabilities. Illinois takes great pride being the site of the first Games at Soldier Field July 20, 1968 and home to some of the early visionaries in the movement including Justice Anne Burke who organized that memorial event.

Special Olympics has transformed the lives of thousands of people in Illinois by giving athletes with intellectual disabilities a platform to discover and develop their talents and to gain recognition and respect. This is only the beginning.

Special Olympics Illinois has a 3 year plan to expand its offerings and to make the program available to more children and adults in communities throughout the state. Special Olympics is a proven winner in bringing people together in schools, in parks and recreation settings and in the community at large.

"Help us change more lives. I encourage a local school or community organization to start a program. Become an athlete, a volunteer or a donor. Visit www.[illegible].org or call 1-800-[illegible]. Together we'll tackle the next 45 years," said Dave Breen, President and CEO, Special Olympics Illinois.

## Seek Tutors

Volunteers for Moraine Valley Community College's Literacy Program are currently being recruited to tutor adults who read, write or computate math at or below a ninth grade level or who need additional help in learning English.

Tutors commit to teaching basic reading, math, computer or English skills for an assigned student for two hours each week for one year. Regular meeting days and times are decided by the tutor and the student. The Literacy Program offers tutoring at local libraries, the main campus in Palos Hills and college extension sites in Blue Island and Tinley Park. Tutors can choose a location close to their work or home.

Volunteers should be high school graduates over the age of 18. Teaching experience is not required. Volunteers must complete 12 hours of matching training, which can be completed online at cyberdrivillinois.com or at the college in September.

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**Free T-Shirt or Hat for the first 250 fans courtesy of Standard Bank and Trust**

**Big Splash Days II and III scheduled for Tuesday, July 23rd and Wednesday, July 24th @ 10:35 a.m. Water Activities All Game Long!**

**New Series begins on Thursday, July 25th @ 7:05 p.m. versus the Evansville Otters**
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# EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

## *President Preckwinkle Releases FY 2014 Budget*

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle has released the preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2014 which projected a $[illegible] million deficit—Since taking office, President Preckwinkle has solved for more than $1 billion in deficits. In Fiscal Year 2011, the deficit was $487 million, in 2012 it was $315.7 million and in 2013 it was $267.8 million. This year's preliminary budget is the latest sign the financial health of the County continues to improve due to the structural changes made under President Preckwinkle.

"We have reduced our deficit each year, even while rolling back the sales tax increase," President Preckwinkle said. "As the gap continues to close, it is increasingly difficult to reduce expenses and be even more efficient, however I am confident we will be able to make the tough decisions necessary to balance the budget without raising property or sales taxes."

The most significant driver of the County's projected deficit in 2014 comes from $[illegible] million in rising personnel costs, employee health benefits and other, non-personnel spending. Projected revenue losses of $60 million are primarily driven by the residual impact of the final 25% sales tax rollback and the recent reduction of the non-titled use tax. These deficits are offset by an anticipated $74 million positive net impact due to the full implementation of Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act. The combination of these factors leads to the lowest projected budget gap since President Preckwinkle took office.

The $74 million in anticipated reimbursements from Medicaid expansion is in addition to the projected $99 million net impact from 2013. President Preckwinkle sought and won federal approval to begin enrolling certain patients at the Cook County Health and Hospitals System in the Affordable Care Act before it goes into full effect in January 2014, impacting the County's budget in both this fiscal year and next. The County established a goal of enrolling more than 100,000 individuals. To date, the County has initiated more than 68,000 applications—sending them to the State for approval.

Public safety is also a significant portion of the County's budget. President Preckwinkle reaffirmed her commitment to reform the criminal justice system to make it more humane and less costly to taxpayers. A recent state law that will allow 17-year-olds to be tried as juveniles rather than adults, will lead to more individuals entering into the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC) instead of the County jail. The $12 million in additional costs associated with this change make it more critical than ever to focus efforts on alternatives to detention.

The County is also projecting a year-end shortfall of $28 million in 2013. In order to address this, the President has directed the budget department to work with all departments to identify and eliminate 20 percent of the vacant positions in the offices under the President. President Preckwinkle also encouraged other elected officials to replicate this effort to help offset the projected deficit.

President Preckwinkle announced that she will host a public hearing on the preliminary budget at 6 p.m. on July 31st in the Cook County [illegible]

Residents will have an opportunity to provide testimony and evidence directly to the President's office on that budget proposal. [illegible] the President will investigate the policy [illegible] questions. Prior to the hearing, residents are invited to review the preliminary budget to view the plan, [illegible] budget and access more information about how the County allocates [illegible]

## *Lawmakers Overturn Governor's Veto Of Right-To-Carry Legislation*

Facing a July 9 federal court deadline to enact right-to-carry legislation, State Senator Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) joined an overwhelming majority of her Senate colleagues in overriding Governor Pat Quinn's recent changes to the concealed carry measure passed by lawmakers in late May.

The override of the Governor's changes was widely supported, which I think speaks volumes about the hard work that was put into negotiating House Bill 183," said Radogno. "This was a very, very difficult issue. Illinois is a large, extremely diverse state and people genuinely disagree on how concealed carry should be handled. However, I think the bill respects Second Amendment rights, while also setting forth some very reasonable restrictions."

The action on the measure came not a moment too soon, as the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals had given the state until July 9 to either adopt legislation or face the possibility of having no restrictions on concealed carry whatsoever. Governor Quinn announced his changes to the bill a week ago. Senator Radogno explained that by lumping all his changes in an amendatory veto, the Governor forced lawmakers to take an "all or nothing" approach to his recommendations, because his proposed changes could not be separated and voted on independently.

"I'm sure we will continue to work on the law going forward," said Radogno. "However, it was important that we override the Governor's changes so we had something reasonable and constitutional in place come July 10."

With the Governor's amendatory veto having been overridden by Illinois lawmakers, House Bill 183 immediately took effect. Illinois now joins the rest of the nation, becoming the 50th state to allow some form of concealed carry.

Under the law now in place, Illinois will have one of the most comprehensive right-to-carry measures in the nation, requiring extensive training for those who receive permits and containing clear prohibitions on carrying a concealed firearm in schools, hospitals, government buildings, airports, sports stadiums and a number of other locations.

The bill prohibits carrying a firearm while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, at locations that permit sales for those who are found to be under the influence. It also contains strong mental health [illegible] reporting procedures.

## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart has requested that All Points convey the following message to its readers:

Sheriff Dart reminds the public that while the Firearm Concealed Carry Act (PA 98-0063) became state law on July 9, 2013, it remains illegal to carry a concealed handgun without a license issued by the Illinois State Police. Under the Act, the Illinois State Police has 180 days to make the license application available, followed by a 30-day period for local enforcement to file an objection, if warranted. Therefore, the earliest date an individual could be issued a conceal carry license and be authorized to carry a concealed handgun under the Act is likely February 10, 2014.

Additionally, conceal carry licenses issued by states other than Illinois do not authorize individuals to carry a concealed handgun on their person in Illinois. Concealed handguns may only be carried in Illinois by individuals issued a license by the Illinois State Police under the Act.

Possession of a valid Firearm Owners Identification Card does not authorize the carrying of a concealed handgun under the Act. Carrying a concealed loaded handgun without a license constitutes aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, a Class 4 felony; punishable by 1-3 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The Cook County Sheriff's Office will enforce current law. Until the State of Illinois begins issuing conceal carry licenses, anyone in Cook County found unlawfully carrying a handgun will be subject to arrest and prosecution.

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Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka released the following statement last Wednesday in response to the Governor using the Amendatory Veto to stop compensation for General Assembly members:

"This morning the Governor notified my office of his intention to eliminate the salaries and stipends of members of the General Assembly. While I understand and appreciate the Governor's focus on pension reform, real questions have been raised about the legality of his action. Specifically, Section 11 of our State Constitution states that 'changes in the salary of a member shall not take effect during the term for which he has been elected.' Therefore, I have requested a legal review which should be completed before lawmakers are scheduled to receive their next paychecks on August 1, 2013."

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In her continued effort to support local law enforcement, state Rep. Fran Hurley is co-sponsoring a book drive with state Senator Cunningham and the Cook County Sheriff's office to collect reading materials for the Cook County Jail Library. The donation drive is in conjunction with the Green Hills Library in Palos Hills.

"I am happy to help sponsor a book drive with the Green Hills Library, Senator Cunningham and the Cook County Sheriff's Office," Hurley said. "This is just one way we can help local law enforcement curtail costs and increase efficiency. The collection will cut costs to the jail's overall budgetary expenses."

Local residents are invited to drop off new or used books to Hurley and Cunningham's joint constituent service office, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 10400 S. Western Ave. in Chicago, and Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 16033 S. 94th Ave. in Orland Hills. Books with sexual and/or violent content cannot be accepted.

During the legislative session, Hurley worked closely with the Cook County Sheriff's office to fight violence and crime. In addition to passing a number of bills supported by the Cook County Sheriff, Hurley helped pass a bill to curb reckless driving and crack down on street gang violence. The measure enables law enforcement officers to impound vehicles that are caught driving recklessly and causing disorder in a funeral procession.

"I will continue to support legislation that puts the safety of our community first and provides local law enforcement with the tools to protect local residents," Hurley said. "We must continue to work together to keep our neighborhoods safe. I [illegible] encourage local residents to participate in this our going book drive."

For more information [illegible] constituent service [illegible] Rep.FranHurley@gmail.com. (773) 445-8128 or (708) 233-9701.

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State Sen. Donne E. Trotter (D-Chicago) sent All Points the following statement following the passage of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 state budget:

"I am happy and relieved that this budget holds state funding level from Fiscal Year 13 for K-12 education, bilingual education, early childhood, school transportation as well as higher ed.

"Prioritizing the allocation of education funds back where they belong and providing for Illinois' neediest is the goal we accomplish with this plan. We must fund education to be a competitive and stable state in the future."

Having now met the approval of the Illinois Senate, the legislature's series of budget bills composing the FY 14 state fiscal plan now moves to the governor.

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Recently, Congressman Bill Foster released the following statement on his vote against H.R. 1947, the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act.

"The House Republican farm bill makes deep cuts to the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP), a program designed to increase the food purchasing power of low-income households. Under this bill, more than 200,000 children would lose access to free school meals and nearly two million working families and senior citizens would lose access to food assistance.

"As the economy continues to recover from the worst recession this country has seen since the Great Depression, now is hardly the time to take away this important safety net.

"It is my hope that these drastic, harmful cuts will be eliminated so that we can pass a farm bill that provides certainty for farmers and food assistance for hardworking families, children and senior citizens."

Earlier, Foster spoke in opposition to the SNAP cuts on the House floor. Video of his remarks is available here: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIPHq1eLogM.

This legislation would cut $21 billion over 10 years from the SNAP program, which ensures that children, seniors and families struggling to make ends meet don't have to go without food. The Center of Budget and Policy Priorities estimates that these cuts would leave two million Americans without essential food assistance and cut 200,000 children from the school lunch program."

The final bill failed by a vote of 195-234.

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State Rep. Fran Hurley is partnering with state Senator Bill Cunningham to host a Community Meet and Greet on Wednesday, July 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. at their joint constituent service office, located at 10400 S. Western Ave. in Chicago.

"I welcome the opportunity to hear from my community," Hurley said. "Knowing local residents' opinions on the issues that impact Illinois helps me be an effective advocate. I encourage everyone to drop by my Meet and Greet on July 31."

At the event, area residents can give their feedback and share their concerns about community issues. The Meet and Greet is part of a series of events Hurley will host this summer to remain accessible to constituents.

For more information or for a calendar of [illegible] Hurley & Cunningham's [illegible] service offices at (773) [illegible] or (708) 233-9701 or email Rep.FranHurley@gmail.com.

# Health & Nutrition

Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

## SUMMER SKIN SOLUTIONS

According to the American Cancer Society, [illegible] exposure and sunburns produce most of the [illegible] that cause skin cancers, as well as for melanoma, which is the most deadly form of skin cancer of all. In one recent study almost half of 9[illegible] public beach visitors reported getting a sunburn at least once a year.

There are ways to keep your skin young and healthy. One way is to limit your time in direct sunlight to 15 minutes a day. Since that's not much fun in beautiful sunny weather, here are some ways to enjoy your out-of-door activities while minimizing skin damage.

* Cover up and apply UVA/UVB blocking SPF 30 sun screen or higher, preferably with zinc oxide, which prevents sun absorption.

* Eat red and orange foods like tomatoes and orange peppers, which contain the antioxidants lycopene and beta-carotene. These tasty vegetables offer natural protection from the sun and may help repair cells after sun damage.

* When you grill, use acidic marinades such as lemon juice or vinegar, and add herbs and spices like ginger, cinnamon, sage, marjoram, tarragon, or rosemary to reduce advanced glycation end products (AGEs), which can damage the skin protein collagen. If the skin protein collagen is damaged, this may lead to wrinkles and contribute to aging.

* Drink a glass of red wine? It contains resveratrol, a compound that activates anti-aging sirtuins, proteins that block certain biological processes which contribute to aging. Besides resveratrol, or a phytoestrogen, an estrogen-like substance found in plants, which may increase collagen and hydrate the skin.

* Never underestimate the power of cosmetic creams! Look for a cream with lycopeptides. Studies are finding that some lycopeptides can increase skin hydration, reduce pigmentation, and improve skin texture after just four weeks. Other lycopeptides have been discovered to improve your skin's appearance by stimulating collagen and elastin production, thereby reversing fine lines and wrinkles.

## EAT SOME FRUITS AND VEGGIES

These fruits and vegetables rank high in antioxidants, according to a recent study from Tufts University in Boston:

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Onions

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# First West Nile Virus Positive Bird Reported

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has confirmed the first West Nile virus positive bird reported in Illinois for 2013. The Morton Grove Health Department collected a West Nile virus positive starling on June 27 in Wheaton.

We are now starting to see West Nile virus in both mosquitoes and birds, which means it's only a matter of time [illegible] start seeing West Nile virus in people," said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck. "Remember to protect yourself by wearing insect repellent and getting rid of any standing water around your home."

Mosquito samples collected in Cook County in May were the first West Nile virus positive recent this year. To date West Nile virus positive birds and/or mosquitoes have been reported in 37 counties: Bureau, Clay, Cook, DuPage, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, McHenry, Monroe, Peoria, Perry, Putnam, Sangamon and St. Clair. Weekly updates every Wednesday afternoon [illegible] idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnsurveillance12.htm). No human cases of West Nile virus have been reported so far this year.

Last year, 55 counties in Illinois reported a West Nile virus positive mosquito batch, bird and/or human case. For the 2012 season, IDPH reported the second highest number of West Nile virus human cases in state history with 290 residents and 17 deaths. This was second only to the 2002 outbreak in Illinois in which 884 residents contracted West Nile disease and 67 died.

Surveillance for West Nile virus in Illinois includes laboratory tests on mosquito batches, dead crows, blue jays, robins and other perching birds, as well as testing sick horses and humans with West Nile-like disease symptoms. People who observe a sick or dying crow, blue jay, robin or other perching bird should contact their local health department.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Common West Nile virus symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks. However, four out of five people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms. In rare cases, severe illness including meningitis or encephalitis, or even death, can occur. People older than 50 are at higher risk for severe illness from West Nile virus.

The best way to prevent West Nile disease or any other mosquito borne illness is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Precautions include practicing the three "R's": reduce, repel and report.

**REDUCE** exposure - avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.
- Eliminate all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including flowerpots, wading pools, old tires, and any other receptacles. Change water in bird baths weekly.

**REPEL** - when outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535, according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

**REPORT** - to communities where there are organized mosquito control programs, contact your municipal government to report areas of stagnant water in roadside ditches, flooded yards and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes.

Public health officials believe that a hot summer increases mosquito activity and the risk of disease from West Nile virus.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be found on the Illinois Department of Public Health's Web site at www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wns.htm.

# Illinois State Fair Mega Passes Are On Sale

If you love carnival rides, the Illinois State Fair has a special deal to consider.

The Mega Pass is a ticket for an unlimited number of rides in Adventure Village and the Carnival Midway all ten days of the fair plus Preview Night. It can be purchased right now at the Mega Pass Office, which is located in the Emmerson Building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds, for $65. Beginning Monday, Aug. 5, however, the price will increase to $75.

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Admission Booklets also are available for purchase in the Mega Pass Office. Each booklet contains ten admissions to the fair and is a great addition to a Mega Pass purchase. An adult booklet costs $45. A booklet for children and senior citizens costs $20.

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The 2013 Illinois State Fair runs Aug. 8 - 18.

# Bogus Change Of Address Websites

Postal Service offers tips on how to change your address.

The U.S. Postal Service and the Postal Inspection Service are warning customers to steer clear of non-postal websites offering change of address services for a fee.

"Some customers have paid up to $30 for a change of address on websites that appear to be linked with the Postal Service but are not, and in some cases the change is never made," says Central Illinois District Manager Peter Allen. "The Postal Service is not affiliated with the businesses that own these sites. To ensure the best service, use www.usps.com," adds Allen.

USPS offers three ways for customers to submit COA orders:

* Online at *https://moversguide.usps.com*
* The Mover's Guide, available at all Post Offices
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USPS charges a dollar for identity verification to process COA requests submitted online. The other two options are available at no cost to the customer.

Customers charged more than a dollar for identity verification to change their addresses are using a non-postal site. Customers who used an external website and are requesting a refund at a postal retail unit should be referred to the business that operates the site.

Anyone who believes they're a victim of a mail crime should report it to the Postal Inspection Service by calling 877-876-2455.

# Leo Alumni Golf Outing

**Leo Alumni members (pictured) discuss the annual golf outing at a recent Alumni Association meeting. The golf outing will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 7th at Gleneagles Golf Course at McCarthy Road and Bell Road, at 8:30 a.m. Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. for a shotgun start on two courses.**

**The fee is $115, which includes golf, cart, lunch on the course, dinner and an open bar, plus drinks on the course during the day.**

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## Valley Learning Center Class Still Available

Moraine Valley Community College is still accepting registrations for the third session of its Valley Learning Center summer program for children. The final session starts the week of July 29.

Course offerings include Math and reading classes for students in kindergarten through seventh grade and Geometry and Advanced Algebra classes for older students. The Algebra class covers the basics for those who have not had the subject in school and the Algebra Refresher is for those who have some prior knowledge of the subject. Math in Architecture teaches children about blueprints. They will draw their own architectural structures.

Budding artists ages 8 and up can enroll in Cartooning or Basic Drawing or they can write stories and poems in Creative Writing. Military History will appeal to students with an interest in military thinkers and inventions. The Future Leaders Camp incorporates group work to help children become aware of their skills. It also covers how to make a good decision, set goals, handle peer pressure, and resolve conflict.

Children ages 4 and 5 can enroll in Pre School Spanish. Repetition is the key to learn the language through games, songs and other activities. Spanish for Fun for students in first and second grades will learn basic vocabulary and become acquainted with the Spanish culture.

Kids in grades one and two can enjoy the Have Fun with Dr. Seuss class, while those in grades three through five can look into the world of the sea in Sea Treasures. Girls ages 7 to 12 can bring their dolls for American Girl Time. Some other one week classes include Return of the Dinosaurs, Countries around the World and Saints and Faith.

The Android App Programming for Teens is an introduction to developing software applications that can be used on Android powered devices. The app class is for teens ages 13-19 and starts on July 29.

For more information, call (708) 974-5718. Register today in person at the Registration Office located in S128 on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-2110 (TTY for the hearing impaired (708) 974-5566). Participants also can register online at morainevalley.edu by selecting "Register for Noncredit Classes." Click in your zip code, scroll down the list to "Youth" and click "submit." Classes that fill or are cancelled make the old old's name.

# Oak Lawn Relay For Life

The Cancer Institute at Advocate Christ Medical Center is partnering with the American Cancer Society as a presenting sponsor for this year's "Relay For Life of Oak Lawn." The event is being held on Saturday, July 20 at the Oak Lawn Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Lawn, beginning at 2 p.m.

"The event is life-changing and gives the participants a chance to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost and fight back against this disease," said Paul Gordon, MD, director of thoracic oncology for the Christ Medical Center Cancer Institute.

As a leader in cancer care, Advocate Christ Medical Center is closely aligned with the American Cancer Society's mission of eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing the disease, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

Although every community Relay For Life is different, certain traditions are followed at all relay events, no matter where they are held.

**Celebrate The Survivors Lap**...Relay starts with a Survivors Lap, an inspirational time when survivors are invited to circle the track together, and help everyone celebrate the victories achieved over cancer.

**Remember The Luminaria Ceremony**...After dark, participants honor those who have been touched by cancer and remember loved ones lost to the disease during the Luminaria Ceremony.

**Fight Back The Fight Back Ceremony**...The event concludes with a Fight Back Ceremony, in which participants make personal commitments to save lives by taking up the fight against cancer. That personal commitment may be to do something as simple as getting a screening test, quitting smoking or talking to elected officials about cancer.

Anyone interested in joining a Christ Medical Center Relay for Life team can register online at the Advocate Team Page: http://main.acs.org/site/Advocate?pg=myTeam&id=41877&NeedAll=1&sid=41877 or by contacting Peggy Kupres, BSN, MA, coordinator of the Cancer Institute survivorship program, at (708) 684-3619 or Margaret.Kupres@advocatehealth.org.


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# *Small Business Owner Testifies In Support Of Manufacturing Bill*

**Zach Motti, a fourth-generation co-owner of Atlas Tool & Die Works in Lyons, testified in favor of U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski's American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act, H.R. 2447, in front of the House Science Research & Technology Subcommittee recently. Lipinski's bill is part of his ongoing effort to spur the creation of good-paying, middle-class manufacturing jobs.**

**"I appreciate hearing from Zach about the difficulties small manufacturing businesses are facing in America. I have visited the factory a number of times and have always been impressed with the work they are doing," said Rep. Lipinski, the subcommittee's ranking member. "Businesses such as Atlas Tool & Die are the backbone of our economy and of so many neighborhoods in the Third District. This bill is about setting aside politics and getting into place the policies that help American manufacturing, which is vital for middle-class job creation and our national security. Simply put, 'Made in America' equals American job growth and a strong economy."**

**For every manufacturing job created in America, an additional five spin-off jobs are created. Despite the economic advantages of supporting American manufacturing, the number of manufacturing jobs has been shrinking, from 20 million in 1979 to fewer than 12 million today. Rep. Lipinski's American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act would bring the public and private sectors together to develop a national manufacturing strategy and a set of recommendations to revitalize this important sector of the economy.**

**"As a business owner, I know planning is critical. That is the basic core of any good business model. Unfortunately, when an organization doesn't operate with a plan, what occurs is a plan to fail," Motti told the subcommittee. "Right now the United States is operating with a plan to fail in the world economy when it comes to manufacturing. This is unacceptable for a global superpower. This bill will help develop a plan for success."**

**Atlas Tool & Die employs 80 workers and makes parts for products associated with defense, aerospace, telecommunications, electronics, medical supplies, and other industries. In his role as Chief Alignment Officer, Motti works not only to meet the business needs of new and current customers, but he is engaged in outreach and development strategies that identify operational improvements.**

**Previous versions of Rep. Lipinski's bill have overwhelmingly passed the House with strong bipartisan support. Rep. Adam Kinzinger (IL-16) is the current bill's lead Republican cosponsor.**

# Pixie School Program Expanded

Worth Township has announced a change to their Pixie School Program beginning with the fall 2013 session on Sept. 3. The popular program has been expanded to five days a week. Children age four and five will attend on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9 and 11:30 a.m. Children age three will attend during the same hours on Tuesday and Thursday. Enrollment is open to children who reside within Worth Township. Children outside the Township boundaries may enroll at a slightly higher cost. In addition, the fee can be paid in full or divided into two payments.

Parents and children are encouraged to visit the Township during the Youth Commission's "Open House" on Thursday, Aug. 29 between 10 a.m. and noon. This is a great opportunity to meet the staff and familiarize you with the program. Pixie School not only encourages young children to make new friends but teaches them skills which will be most helpful in Kindergarten.

Children who participate in Pixie School must be toilet trained before the start of classes. For additional information go to the Worth Township website at www.worthtownship.org and click on "Youth Commission" or call 708-371-2000 ext. 46.

# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Air Force Airman Andrew J. Fawley graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Fawley is the son of Blair Fawley of Springfield, Tennessee and Christine Fawley of Worth. He is a 2012 graduate of East Robertson High School.

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Glen Maker American Legion Post 1160, 106th and Ridgeland Ave. in Chicago Ridge, will hold its 5th annual car wash on Sunday, July 28th.

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There is an information technology (IT) certification program designed to help veterans build on their military experience and make the successful transition to a new career in civilian life. The program, Troops to Tech Careers, helps returning veterans and their spouses who have an interest in an IT career receive the education, credentialing and job placement resources to be successful in this growing field. This program was created by an IT company called CompTIA.

The Troops to Tech Careers program is founded on the "Learn Certify Work" model, which is designed to create a clear pathway for veterans who want to start a career in IT. Benefit programs that veterans have used to cover the program costs include the Post-9/11 GI Bill, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, and the Workforce Investment Act.

To learn more, visit the site at www.troopstotechcareers.org.

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American Legion Post 884 in Evergreen Park will hold their Installation on Aug. 10th with cocktails at 6, dinner at 7 and the ceremony at 8 p.m.

The newly elected officers of the post are: Commander, Stephen T. Davies, Sr.; Vice Commander, Bruce H. Petersen; Jr. Vice Commander, Stephen G. Driscoll; Finance Officer, William E. Winters; Sgt.-at-Arms, Ronald Reding; Finance Committee Members, Robert V. Stanlacher; Executive Committee Members, Paul Balsan, James Cummings, James Hoey, Gary Brockmar, Charles Lind, William Cooper and Jeffrey Sacs.

Newly elected auxiliary officers are: President, Connie Hoey; 1st Vice President, Dian Kinahan; 2nd Vice President, Lisa Kennedy; Treasurer, Diane Reding; Chaplain, Steve Morgan; Historian, Hobby Crantinovsky; Sgt.-at-Arms, Virginia Stanlacher.

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Recently, Senator Michael Hastings (D-Orland Hills) passed a measure aimed at lowering college tuition costs for veterans. House Bill 2353, which grants Illinois residency to veterans who are entitled to educational assistance under the Post 9/11 Educational Assistance Program, passed. Granting veterans residency allows them to qualify for in-state tuition, thus lowering the cost of tuition fees and rates.

Hastings' bill would resolve a disparity in the Post 9/11 Education Assistance Program that has inadvertently burdened a significant number of American veterans with thousands of dollars of out-of-pocket tuition and fees based on residency status.

"The Post 9/11 Bill provides an opportunity for our veterans to get the proper education they need to find good paying jobs after they finish serving their country," said Hastings. "Unfortunately, veterans are having difficulties obtaining state-residency, which results in higher tuition costs and fees. This measure would reconcile that issue," he said.

The Post 9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act is a federal law passed in 2008 that provides financial assistance to veterans wanting to go to college after finishing active duty. The law applies to veterans who have served since Sept. 11, 2001.

House Bill 2353 passed the Senate 54-0 and now awaits approval by Governor Quinn.

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Quote of the Week: One of the advantages of being disorderly is that one is constantly making exciting discoveries. — A. A. Milne

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Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.

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# School Supply Donations

Worth Township's Apple Tree Program is gaining momentum as various Township residents have made donations of school supplies. This program assists Township families experiencing financial difficulties by providing their children with school supplies. While this program is active all year long replacing supplies as needed, the greatest need for children is the beginning of each school year. Apple Tree is made possible by the generous donations of local residents, businesses, church groups, schools and civic groups. The Youth Commission does accept school supplies and monetary donations all year.

Visit the Worth Township website at www.worth-township.com. Click on Youth Commission and click on Apple Tree Program. There you will find a list of the various supplies needed. Donations can be dropped off at the Township offices located at 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip. For information call the Worth Township Youth Commission at 708-371-2900, ext. 45.

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Wednesday July 17th: "FIESTA" (6:00pm – 10:00pm)
Beer Garden (6:00pm – 11:00pm)
Mainstage Entertainment: Rock Star Video (7:00 pm)

Thursday July 18th: "FIESTA" (6:00pm – 10:00pm)
Beer Garden (6:00pm – 11:00pm)
Mainstage Entertainment: Maggie Speaks (7:30 pm)

Friday July 19th: "FIESTA" Alumni Night (6:00pm – 11:00pm)
Beer Garden (6:00pm – 1:00am)
Mainstage Entertainment: Timing's Everything (6:00pm)
Mainstage Entertainment: Hairbangers Ball (9:30pm)

Saturday July 20th: "FIESTA" (1:00pm – 11:00pm)
Beer Garden (1:00pm – 1:00am)
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Mainstage Entertainment: Captains of Industry (6:00pm)
Mainstage Entertainment: Infinity (9:30pm)

Sunday July 21st: "FIESTA" (1:00pm – 10:00pm)
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# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Chester A. Aklinski**

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, with entombment at Good Shepherd Cemeteries, for Chester A. Aklinski, 90, formerly of Roseland.

He is survived by his wife Helen, his children Dennis Aklinski and Kathleen (John) Carter, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Robert W. Ball**

Services were held at the Palos Gradas Funeral Home, Palos Hills, on Saturday, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park, for Robert W. Ball, 59. He was the longtime owner of Climate Control.

He is survived by his mother Geraldine Ewczak, his children Tracy and Jessica Ball and his brother Ronald Ball.

**Patricia J. Burgess**

Mass was said at St. Bede the Venerable Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Patricia J. Burgess.

She is survived by her sisters Joan Chester and Carol Wagner.

**William V. Chapello**

Mass was said at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, on Saturday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for William V. Chapello, 91. He was an Ex-POW in WWII and an Army Veteran.

He is survived by his wife Isabel, his children William (Sharon) and Paul (Catherine), six grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

**Denise M. Donahue**

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemeteries, for Denise M. Donahue, 74. She was the wife of the late Robert J.

She is survived by her children Bobby (Renee) Donahue, Kevin (Julie) Donahue and Debbie (Greg) Mason and seven grandchildren.

**Dorothy J. Falco**

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Dorothy J. Falco. She was the wife of the late Robert S. Falco, Sr.

She is survived by her children Lisa B. (Roy) Calatese, Christy L. (Sean) Ferguson, Eugene (Gretl) Falco and Debra (Michael) Smith, six grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and her sister Joan Guy and her brother Raymond Hamilton.

**Arlene M. Fondren**

Services were held in Orland Park on Saturday, with interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery, for Arlene M. "Dolly" Fondren, 87. She was the wife of the late Walter.

She is survived by her son Brian (Claire) Fondren, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Aurelia Gomez**

Mass was said at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, on Friday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemeteries, for Aurelia Gomez. She was the wife of the late Enrique.

She is survived by her children Larry (Clarice), Joe (Carmen), Julie (Richard), Rachel (Felix), Virginia, Phil (Wanda), Hope (Tom), Seferino (Hector), twenty-six grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren and her siblings Felipe, Haciento, Pancho and Pirre.

**Doris M. Gregor**

Services were held at the Blake Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Doris M. Gregor. She was the wife of the late Elmer.

She is survived by her children Paula (Larry) Hitz, Judy (Peter) Gelasse and Daniel (Laura), eleven grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

**Gloria A. Huff**

Services were held at the McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, on Thursday, July 11, with private interment for Gloria A. Huff, 69.

She is survived by her husband Lines Huff, her son Ryan (Rosalia) Huff and two grandchildren.

**Manuela S. LaBuda**

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, July 6, with private interment, for Manuela S. "Molly" LaBuda.

She is survived by her husband Ted M. LaBuda Sr., her children Ann (Jim) Hayes and Ted Jr. (Heather) and six grandchildren.

**Jacquelyn D. Madigan**

Mass was said at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, on Friday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Jacquelyn D. "Jackie" Madigan. She was the wife of the late William B. Retired Lt. CPD. She was a former volunteer at Advocate Christ Medical Center and a member of the Auxiliary. She was preceded in death by her parents John H. and Hertha H. O'Keefe and her brother William J. O'Keefe.

She has no immediate survivors.

**Sharon K. Mccarg**

Mass was said at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, on Saturday, with interment at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, for Sharon K. Mccarg.

She is survived by her husband William, her children Michelle (Scott) Fitzgerald, Jennifer (Brian) Krstulovich and Pamela Mccarg (Ryan) and six grandchildren.

**Nicholas Russell**

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Monday, with private interment, for Nicholas "Nick" Russell, 69. He was a 4th Degree Knight, Father Perez Council K. of C., and a retired member of Teamster Local #710.

He is survived by his wife Gayle, his children Debbie (Ed) Dubina, John Russell and Michael (Cathie) Russell, seven grandchildren, his brothers John (Anita) Russell and Daniel Russell and his sister Mary Piczynski.

**Margaret M. Shanahan**

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemeteries, for Margaret M. "Margie" Shanahan. She attended the Sertoma Center in Alsip for 25 years.

She is survived by her sister Virginia (Stephen) Lucas and her brother John Shanahan.

**Katherine J. Siemiontkowski**

Services were held at the Heartland Memorial Center, Tinley Park, on Thursday, July 11, for Katherine J. Siemiontkowski, 74, of Tinley Park. She was a graduate of the Loyola School of Nursing and began her career at Oak Forest Hospital. She retired from Suburban Heights Medical Center in Chicago Heights. She was a former parishioner of St. Damian Church in Oak Forest.

She is survived by her sister Margaret Rotundo, her children Sue Molyes, Steve Wolyson, Jeanne Johnson, Don Siemiontkowski and Ken Siemiontkowski and eight grandchildren.

**Constance A. Slattery**

Mass was said at St. Mary Church, Mokena, on Thursday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Constance A. Slattery. She was the wife of the late Richard Slattery.

She is survived by her children Veronica Schmidt, John (Debra), James, Kenneth (Lori), Judy (Jeff), Frazier and Thomas (Michelle), twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Jean E. Wisniewski**

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Monday, with interment at St. Benedict Cemetery, for Jean E. Wisniewski, 89, of Lansing, formerly of Oak Forest.

She is survived by her husband Walter Wisniewski, and her brothers Ken (Betty) Trumpey and Rusty (Audrey) Trumpey.

**Joan Arlene Yerkes**

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Joan Arlene Yerkes, 80.

She is survived by her husband David Sr., her children David Jr. (Kathleen), Dr. Kenneth (Dr. Mary), Jean (Michael) Lowery, Peggy (Wayne) Anderson, Bernadette (Phillip) Pajak, Peter (Marianne) and Christopher (Becky), twenty-four grandchildren, one great-grandchild, her sister Virginia (Leon) LeCompte and her brother Joseph Doombrowski Jr.


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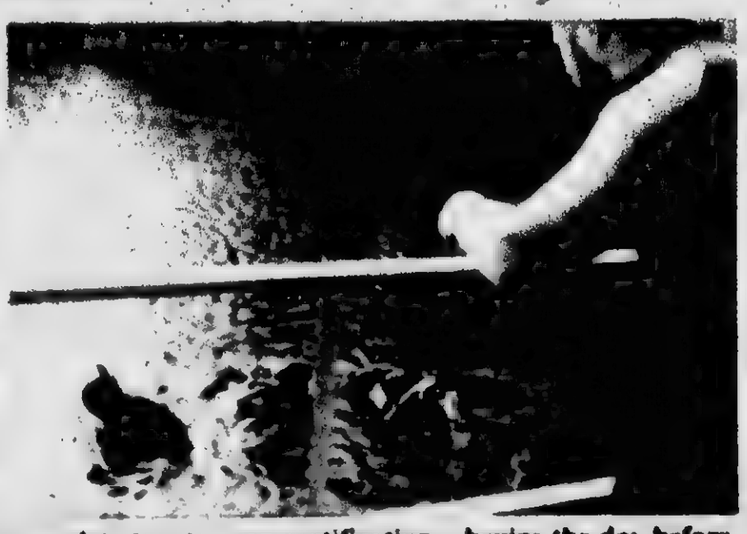
**Pictured: Hometown Police and Fire Rescue team.**

## *Safety First As Students Earn PADI Certification*



**After listening to teachers Jason Perch and Dylan Shaughnessy repeat the safety protocols they'd already preached for months, it's easy to understand if they dream in SCUBA terminology. Their every signal – tone of voice, body language, choice of words – conveyed safety to their second-year students who would earn their advanced PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) certificates.**

**Preparation for the open water dives – students must complete two to earn certification – begins the day before. Students meet with Perch & Shaughnessy to check equipment & review safety protocols.**

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**"We need to make the students' safety the first priority. We work very hard to make sure our students completely understand every step before, during, and after the dives," said teacher Jason Perch.**

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**The advanced course includes skills such as tying a wide variety of knots, search and recovery diving, wreck diving, environmentalist diving, and other specialized dives.**

**Haigh, known as the "Caribbean of the Midwest," offers a scenic vista for the dives. The owners do not allow boats, so the water remains crystal clear. It's so pristine, in fact, that the Shedd Aquarium has allowed some of its stock of fish to live at Haigh from time to time. Students who earned certificates this year included Christopher Abrand, John Alberts, Michael Albrecht, Kaitlyn Augle, Daniel Brooks, Joshua Burk, Tristan Busch, Samantha Crouch, Joseph Cullinan, Selvio DeAngeles, Kyle DeRoos, Rebecca Dunterman, Daniel Dusek, Raymond Dusek, Charlie Dziedzic, Madeline Dziedzic, Keenan Elliot, Erik Fields, Anthony Ganzer, Edgar Gonzalez, Alissa James, Emily Killeen, Keanu Klingensmith, Jordan Loman, and Erin Lyons.**

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**Pictured: Teacher Dylan Shaughnessy monitors students Luis Mendez, Selvio De Angeles, & Edgar Gonzalez as they test their equipment before diving at Haigh Quarry.**

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST 1 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

AUGUST 1 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center Auditorium, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

AUGUST 2 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 12:30 p.m.

AUGUST 3 – Saturday – District 117 "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

AUGUST 5 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 5 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

AUGUST 6 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

AUGUST 7 – Wednesday – Farmers Market, Dunke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday except Sept. 4th.)

AUGUST 7 – Wednesday – Rules of the Road Driving Classes (free), Worth Township Seniors, 11601 Pulaski Road, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

AUGUST 7 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

AUGUST 8 – Thursday – Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

AUGUST 8 – Thursday – Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

AUGUST 12 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 13 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 13 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

AUGUST 13 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

AUGUST 14 – Wednesday – Farmers Market, Dunke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday except Sept. 4th.)

AUGUST 14 – Wednesday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

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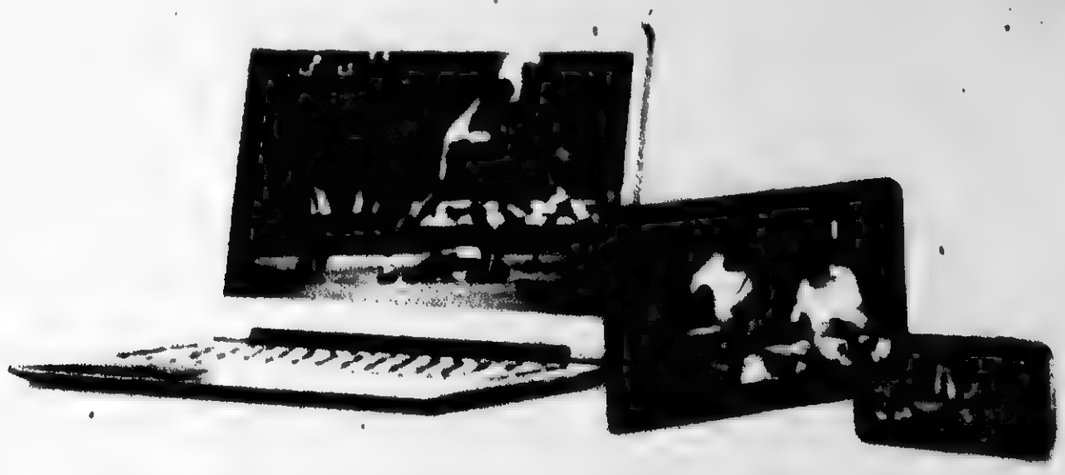

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# Avoid The Tax Sale

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas said her office has urged some 73,000 property owners to pay delinquent bills immediately to avoid their unpaid taxes from being offered for auction at the Annual Tax Sale in August.

Pappas' warning was for owners of homes, businesses and land with unpaid bills for tax year 2011 (originally payable in 2012). To ensure that payments are recorded before the Tax Sale occurs, the bills can be paid:

- Online at cookcountytreasurer.com before midnight, July 26
- At any Chase Bank facility by the close of business, August 1, with a certified check, cashier's check or money order. Personal checks are not accepted.

This year's Annual Tax Sale is a four-day auction from August 5 through August 8 at which tax buyers bid on unpaid taxes which they then pay. Owners who redeem pay steep penalties and interest costs to the tax buyers. If an owner does not redeem, the tax buyer can ask a court for title to the property.

To alert owners about the Tax Sale, the Treasurer's Office published lists of more than [illegible] delinquencies in newspapers and also sent certified-mail notices to the owners.

Pappas said owners should pay delinquent bills before they pay the current Second Installment bill for tax year 2012, issued at the beginning of July and bearing August 1 as the date.

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# Chicago Blackhawks Receive MWD Resolution

**Brandon Faber, Senior Director of Communications and Community Relations for the Stanley Cup winning Chicago Blackhawks, visited the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago to receive a resolution from the Board of Commissioners in honor of the team's achievements during the 2013 season.**

**This was the Blackhawks' twelfth appearance in the Stanley Cup Finals and their fifth championship win. With 76 seconds left in Game 6 of the finals, the Blackhawks scored twice in 17 seconds to defeat the Boston Bruins by a score of 3 to 1.**

**Commissioner Frank Avila presented the resolution to Faber during the July 11 Board meeting.**

**"The Blackhawks joined the National Hockey League in 1926 and have a rich history," said Commissioner Avila. "We are very proud of the way the team represented the City of Chicago on the national stage, and we congratulate them for their riveting season and for winning the National Hockey League's 2013 Stanley Cup Championship."**

**"On behalf of Rocky Wirtz, John McDonough and the entire Blackhawks organization it was an honor to accept this resolution today from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago," said Faber. "We appreciate the recognition for our 2013 Stanley Cup championship season and we are fortunate for the great work by the MWRD to protect and treat our water supply in the best city in the world.**

## Recap Summer Coin Auction

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# EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

## *Bipartisan Legislative Reform Package Introduced To "Make Government Work"*

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (Ill.-3) was joined by more than 70 Democratic and Republican members of Congress from both chambers in front of the Capitol recently to unveil *Make Government Work*, a legislative reform package introduced by the No Labels Problem Solvers coalition. The nine bills that make up *Make Government Work* would save billions of taxpayer dollars and achieve goals important to all Americans, while serving as template on how to get things done in Congress by building trust and cooperation across party lines.

"As an engineer I've been trained to solve problems and that is what I was elected to do. But the partisan bickering in Washington has become a major obstacle to solving the many problems facing our nation. No Labels is an antidote to the bickering, providing a forum in which members of Congress who are interested in problem solving can get together and start getting things done for the American people," Rep. Lipinski said. "The *Make Government Work* agenda that we are unveiling here is our first set of bipartisan proposals that will make government less wasteful and more efficient and effective. Together, these bills are proof that members of Congress, when they work together, can find common ground on important issues facing the country."

Among the nine bills in *Make Government Work* are the No Budget, No Pay Act, which would withhold the paychecks of members of Congress if they cannot pass a budget on time, and the 21st Century Healthcare for Heroes Act to eliminate waste by merging the separate electronic health records at the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs. In the coming weeks, No Labels will be asking the American people to provide an idea for a 10th bill that can be added.

For more information on the other pieces of legislation in *Make Government Work*, visit nolabels.org.

In January, Rep. Lipinski was introduced in the inaugural group of 24 congressional Problem Solvers in New York City. Since then, the coalition has more than tripled in size to 81 members who meet regularly to encourage cooperation and work on solutions to the problems facing Congress and the country.

"Washington must find ways to work together or we will achieve nothing. The effort that went into *Make Government Work* is a critical first step," Lipinski said. "The public wants members of Congress to come together and solve problems for the good of our nation. We know the [illegible]

## *Launch Illinois Nonprofit Advisory Council*

Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka joined nonprofit leaders from across the state in announcing the formation of the Illinois Nonprofit Advisory Council to tackle the staggering fiscal challenges facing service organizations.

Topinka, made the announcement following a successful first meeting in which the Council made brief introductions and got to business discussing the state's financial situation. The group highlighted the effects of state payment delays and shared details for minimizing financial hardships. Meetings will be held regularly to maintain an ongoing dialogue.

"Many of our nonprofit organizations serve our most vulnerable residents and they simply cannot wait months on end for payment from the state," Topinka said. "These meetings are intended to highlight the seriousness of the situation and explore what we can do about it."

Last July, Topinka embarked on the *Illinois Has Heart Tour*, a 4-day, 11-stop statewide tour to encourage Illinois nonprofit agencies to contact her office if they were on the verge of closing due to state payment delays. Additionally, she directed staff to prioritize payments for day programs, child group homes, community living facilities and other programs serving the developmentally disabled.

"Nonprofit organizations provide critical services for people across Illinois and account for nearly 10 percent of the state's workforce. So when nonprofits struggle, it affects us all," said Valerie Lies, President and CEO of Donors Forum, and one of the Council members. "I want to thank Comptroller Topinka for creating this Council and for her ongoing leadership on this issue."

The Illinois Nonprofit Advisory Council is made up of nonprofit leaders from across the state representing various communities and services. Its members include: Reverend Charles Jenkins, Pastor, Fellowship Miss, Chicago, Il.; Stephanie Love Patterson, Center for Abused Women and their Children (CAWC); Gloria Castillo, President & CEO, Chicago United, Chicago, Il.; Carol Green, Executive Director and CEO of Lifescape Community Services, Rockford, Il.; Serena Chen Low, Executive Director, Apna Ghar, Inc.; Bill Kreeb, President & CEO, Jessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, St. Louis, Il.; Graham C. Grady, Esq., Shefsky & Froelich; Kathy Weiman, CEO, Alternatives for Older Adults, Moline, Il.; Kenneth Wojcik, CEO, PACE Inc., Lisle, Il.; Cecilie Price, CEO, Boys & Girls Club of Lake County, North Chicago, Il.; Andrea Durbin, CEO, Illinois Collaboration on Youth; Valerie Lies, President & CEO, Donors Forum; Kathy Baumann, Executive Director, START, Murphysboro, Il.; Matt Schoenholtz, CEO, Senior Services Associates, Elgin, Il.; Rick Kasper, CEO, Joliet Area Community Hospice, Joliet, Il.; Judith Gethner, Executive Director, Illinois Partners for Human Service, Chicago, Il.; and Calvin L. Williams, Chairman of Government Affairs, Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce, Springfield, Il.

# *All Points Southwest*

**By THOMAS E. GAVIN**

Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer, Chairwoman of the Cook County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors issued the following statement following the receipt of $6 million from the National Foreclosure Settlement:

"Today, Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced that the Cook County Land Bank Authority is the recipient of $6 million from Illinois' portion of the national foreclosure settlement. This major funding announcement means the Cook County Land Bank can now 'operationalize' its mission and objective to return vacant and abandoned property back to productive and sustainable uses. I want to thank Attorney General Madigan for her work obtaining the historic $25 billion national settlement last year with the country's five largest bank mortgage servicers. I also want to thank all of the members of Attorney General Madigan's Advisory Council." She continued, "While not a silver bullet, the Cook County Land Bank is our region's first and the country's largest, single purpose entity whose sole focus is to spur economic development by clearing obstacles to redevelopment and reuse throughout the County and in partnerships with local communities struggling under the weight of foreclosure."

For more information on the CCLBA visit the website at CookCountyLandBank.org.

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Earlier this month Cook County Board President Tom Preckwinkle unveiled an $86 million medical facility at the Cook County Department of Corrections that will provide inmates at the jail access to critical health care services.

The Residential Treatment Unit (RTU) will provide treatment for substance abuse, mental illness, general health screenings and evaluations. The 276,450 square foot facility is part of President Preckwinkle's plan to modernize County infrastructure and create a more effective and humane criminal justice system. More than 85 percent of the jail population has tested positive for drugs. And many of those individuals suffer from an addiction that leads them to commit the crimes for which they are being held. The Cook County jail has also become the largest mental health care provider in the state because of the number of inmates who suffer from some kind of mental illness.

The RTU will include separate male and female intake units, a medical and psychiatric screening facility, 24-hour crisis and intervention services, a correctional psychiatric care clinic and secured exterior recreation yards. The RTU will contain 979 medical beds for inmates and a staff of more than 200.

The building has a green roof area of approximately 23,000 square feet and is seeking LEED Silver certification.

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State Rep. Fran Hurley is partnering with state Senator Bill Cunningham to host a Community Meet and Greet on Wednesday, July 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. at their joint constituent service office, located at 10400 S. Western Ave. in Chicago.

"I welcome the opportunity to hear from my community," Hurley said. "Knowing local residents' opinions on the issues that impact Illinois helps me be an effective advocate. I encourage everyone to drop by my Meet and Greet on July 31."

At the event, area residents can give their feedback and share their concerns about community issues. The Meet and Greet is part of a series of events Hurley will host this summer to remain accessible to constituents.

For more information or for a calendar of events, contact Hurley's Cunningham's joint constituent service offices at (773) 445-8128 or (708) 233-9703, or email Rep@FranHurley@gmail.com.

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Cook County Recorder of Deeds Karen A. Yarbrough is warning property owners about solicitations from "deed providers" – companies that resell property documents that can be obtained from the Recorder's Office directly for much cheaper. These companies are not affiliated with the Cook County Recorder, or any government agency.

Deed provider solicitations are often designed to look like invoices and use small print legal disclaimers to obscure their true motives. They sometimes claim that having a certified copy of a property deed is the only way to prove ownership. While it is not required that a homeowner possesses a certified copy of their deed so long as it is recorded with a County Recorder, Yarbrough does recommend that homeowners keep their own copies, and in fact, it is likely that you already have a copy that was provided to you at closing.

Copies of your deed can be obtained from the Cook County Recorder:

1. Online at CookRecorder.com (non-certified, $2.50 per document, plus credit card processing fee)

2. In person at any of the Recorder's 6 locations ($10.00 for the first 2 pages, non-certified, $20.00 for the first 2 pages, certified. Each additional page, $2. At this time, certified copies and records dated prior to 1985 are only available at our Downtown Chicago location)

3. By mail or UPS/FedEx ($10.00 for the first 2 pages, non-certified, $20.00 for the first 2 pages certified. Each additional page, $2)

Deed providers often charge up to $100 per deed, and may also include other public information about your home that can easily be obtained for free online.

Deed providers rely on confusion and scare tactics to make money, and often target senior citizens. By spreading the word about these operations, Recorder Yarbrough is hopeful that we can prevent more residents from falling victim to these schemes.

Anyone with concerns about deed providers or suspicious documents filed against their property is urged to call the CCRD Property Fraud Hotline at (312) 603-4000.

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With the heat and humidity cranked up this week and more assuredly on the way this summer, State Rep. Bob Rita (I-Blue Island) has asked All Points to remind local residents about cooling options during the present heat wave. Government cooling centers are available to serve residents throughout the area during normal business hours, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

"When it's this hot and humid outside it becomes dangerous quickly," Rita said. "This is about more than just staying comfortable, it's vital to use these cooling centers to avoid heat stroke and other serious problems from being out too long."

Rita encourages residents to call the Illinois Department of Human Services hotline during normal business hours at (800) 843-6154 or to visit the state web page at http://www2.illinois.gov/keepcool/pages/cooling-center.aspx for more information about cooling centers.

# Health & Nutrition

Linda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

## CANCER PROTECTION FROM THE FARM STAND

With prices higher than ever and the economy in its downward spin, experts at the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) and elsewhere are encouraging Americans to save money by making meals from our abundance of cancer-protective produce coming in to the farm stands.

And Americans are listening! Consumer surveys suggest shoppers are putting aside more expensive processed convenience foods and purchasing less expensive basic ingredients to make their own meals. According to reports, over half of American consumers say they are taking more time to cook meals from scratch than ever before.

It's generally less expensive and healthier to make your own meals, and with the summer harvest here, produce is coming in from other parts of the country, farm stands have opened, and it's a great time to get back into the habit. It is much easier to get inspired by a fresh harvest, especially with the huge variety of fruits and vegetables to choose.

**What to Look for at Farm Stands**

***Beauty is Skin Deep*** - don't expect produce that looks like it does in the grocery store - perfectly shaped and shiny. Remember that items are just picked and often sold by farmers themselves.

***Mix It Up*** - by choosing produce at various stages of ripeness, you can enjoy your purchases over several days without spoilage.

***Experiment*** - buy produce you are not familiar with and enjoy seasonal items from your local farms.

***Talk*** - Get to know the vendors and ask for suggestions regarding selection, storing, and preparation.

AICR's brochure series, Homemade for Health, is filled with quick and easy-to-fix recipes and information which helps meal-makers to maximize the health benefits in everything they prepare. The brochures can be read online, or downloaded from AICR. Just type in "American Institute for Cancer Research" for more information. Enjoy!

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# Class Reunions

Oak Forest High School - Class of 1983 reunion will be held Friday, Sept. 27th and Saturday, Sept. 28th. On Sept. 27th at the Blarney Stone Pub at 9 p.m. after the Homecoming Game (Sophomore, 5 p.m., Varsity, 7 p.m.) at Oak Forest High School. Contact Reunion information reservation form or Krista (Kaletas) Attreau at krista.attreau@att.net. Update your contact information by emailing your maiden name also, street address and email address to alumni@ofhs228.com.

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St. Bernadette Parish Reunion - The reunion will begin with a special Mass at 4 p.m. at St. Bernadette Church in Evergreen Park on Saturday, Oct. 5th. All family, friends, and alumni of the parish and school are welcome to attend. A special alumni choir is being formed to sing at this Mass. If you are interested in participating in the choir, contact Tom McNamara at tmcnama2@gmail.com.

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St. Leo Grade School - Class of 1963 is planning a 50th class reunion in September. Contact stleogradeschool1963@gmail.com.

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St. Killian Grammar School - looking for classmates for their 55th reunion. If you graduated from St. Killian or know of someone who might be interested, contact Carol Vasil Donnelly at (708) 293-1466, email to cdonlel@sbcglobal.net or on Facebook.

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Oak Forest High School - Class of 1988 will hold a reunion on Saturday, Oct. 19th at Georgio's Banquets in Orland Park from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Follow this link for additional information: http://new.evite.com/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=fb_share_widget&utm_content=fb_link&utm_campaign=invite#view=invite&eid=015DAAPMT7NZ5QH5FEPCQUODM3CCUY&gid=fb

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Oak Forest High School - Class of 1977 is in the planning stages of a 36-year reunion at the Homecoming Game on Sept. 27th and an evening event, to be announced, on Sept. 28th. Join Facebook's "Oak Forest High School, Class of 1977."

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Bremen High School - Class of 1962 is planning a reunion at Granite City in Orland Park on Aug. 10th from 7 p.m. until "whatever". This is an informal get-together for dinner following last year's 50th reunion. RSVP on the Class of '62 website at http://www.bhsclass62.com/.

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Bremen High School - Class of 1963 is planning a reunion on Sept. 21st at Bartolini's Restaurant in Midlothian with a school tour at 2:30 pm., appetizers at Bartolini's at 5 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Contact Roger Tracy at roger@rtracy.com or bhsclassof63@yahoo.com.

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Bremen High School Class of 1968 is planning its 45th reunion in conjunction with Homecoming the weekend of Sept. 27th and 28th. For specific information as soon as plans are finalized, check the class website at http://bremenclass1968.com/.

# "AMA Takes Action On Two Major Public Health Topics"

The Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) brought much needed attention and action on two public health topics at the just concluded meeting of the American Medical Association (AMA). In 2012, Illinois' physician delegates asked the AMA to reclassify "obesity" as a chronic disease state. After a one-year study, the AMA took action to reclassify obesity and how the condition is viewed clinically. A second ISMS initiative introduced at this year's meeting calls for the AMA to designate cheerleading a "sport" and thus advocate for health protection for these athletes. AMA delegates agreed that more study on designating cheerleading as a sport is needed and will conduct an analysis.

"We are very pleased the AMA acted on the two proposals we spearheaded," said ISMS President Eldon A. Trame, M.D. "Obesity is a disease. Period! It's time to get serious with improving our patients' lives, removing the stigma obese patients face, and improving how insurance companies cover obesity interventions. We must also better engage our patients in their treatment and understanding of obesity. A sound diet and exercise are what I recommend for all my patients, but for some individuals more effort is necessary to achieve a healthy weight. The AMA's action will help doctors and patients in this effort."

The resolution ISMS introduced in 2012 was echoed by another obesity proposal brought to the AMA this year by seven national medical specialty organizations seeking the reclassification of obesity. Both the report (stemming from the ISMS proposal) and the specialty resolution were approved by the AMA, reinforcing a strong standard for how obesity is viewed.

On the issue of cheerleading, Dr. Trame said, "ISMS is encouraged that the AMA will be looking further into safeguarding these athletes." Roughly half of U.S. state high school governing bodies recognize cheerleading as a sport. For students athletes this usually means requirements such as a mandatory sports physicals and training coaches on injury care requirements. "Fortunately, Illinois is one of the states where student cheerleaders are treated with the same standards as athletes in other sports," commented Dr. Trame. He then added that, "We support a national standard for student athletes and for competitive club cheerleading programs here that fall outside the auspices of school-run cheer programs. We need to do all we can to protect our athletes."


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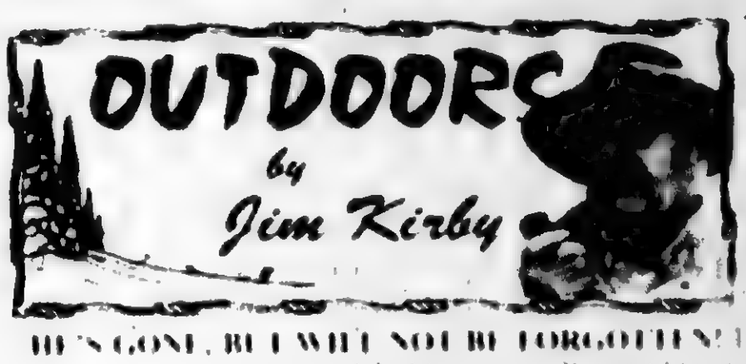


**HE'S GONE, BUT WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN!** [illegible] **Ted Swanson.** [illegible] Bay. Margaret [illegible] Wisconsin [illegible] Sturgeon Bay [illegible] Eagle Lake [illegible] Marion, Illinois. [illegible] Ted's private duck [illegible] Lake Sangchris [illegible] the Illinois River. In between [illegible]

and partridge here in Illinois.

**"Ted Swanson with his dog, duck boat and mallard ducks"**

Fishing was another of Ted's passions and included our many trips aboard his cabin cruiser in New Buffalo, Michigan, and who can forget the many trips to Washington Island up in Door County, Wisconsin during the time when any King (Chinook) salmon under 20 pounds was thrown back. We fished the Illinois and Indiana waters of Lake Michigan for coho and king salmon; Lake, brown and steelhead trout. When weather kept us off "the big pond" there were still many bodies of water locally that we targeted for walleyes, bass, stripers, catfish and crappies.

Ted lived in Orland Park, was a successful businessman who loved his family and found time to be active in Ducks Unlimited, Palos Gun Club and other outdoor-related endeavors. Ted was a gentleman at all times, always available for lively conversation on just about any subject!

Ted took great pride in his hunting dogs, so much so that the ashes of his black lab "Pal" were buried with him as were other items reflecting his passion for the outdoors. He passed away three weeks ago. I truly miss him and take pride in the fact that I had the privilege of knowing him and was considered one of "his friends."

**■DUCK NUMBERS REMAIN STRONG THIS YEAR:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on July 12th released its report on 2013 Trends in Duck Breeding Populations based on surveys conducted in May and early June. Total populations were estimated at 45.6 million breeding ducks in the surveyed areas. "This estimate represents a 6 percent decrease from last year's estimate of 48.6 million birds and is 33 percent above the 1955-2012 long-term average. Despite slight declines, most species remain above long-term averages."

**■GOOD DAYS AHEAD FOR INDIANA WALLEYE ANGLERS:** Walleye production at Indiana's state fish hatcheries has rebounded after suffering a weather-related setback last year. Although native to Indiana, walleye distribution and abundance was limited until annual stockings were developed in the 1970's. According to DNR biologists, natural reproduction of walleyes is insufficient to maintain populations in most of Indiana. Hatchery production offsets the shortfall. All lakes that receive newly hatched fry have been stocked.

**■OUTDOOR CALENDAR: July 27:** The 3rd Quarterly Meeting of the **Illini Muskies Alliance** will be held at Cupper's, 8455 E. Pine Bluff Road, Coal City, Illinois on Saturday, July 27 at 10 a.m. Agenda will be as follows: *Treasurer's Report, *Special Projects, *Waste Abatement Program, *Creel Survey, *And New Business. Make sure your club is represented at this meeting, it is important for the future of muskie fishing in Illinois. If more information is needed, call **Ron Skala**, Secretary, IMA, at (708) 974-3412 or e-mail at MuskyRon1@att.net.

**■DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH:** The Conceal Carry Law has been passed in Illinois and is to be implemented by the State Police who don't have the money, time, manpower or desire to handle this. Just look at the FOID card fiasco. For political reasons, nothing will be done on Conceal Carry until next year. Expect a lot of foot-dragging!

**■THINK ABOUT IT:** "Remember, when seconds count, the police are only minutes away." *(Jerry Pabst, MidWest Outdoors)*

**■E-Mail Jim Kirby:** *kirbyoutdoors@sbcglobal.net*

# Honor Volunteers

The Football Hall of Fame [illegible] Dick Butkus believes it is time to honor the volunteers and coaches who make youth sports possible.

These volunteers sacrifice personal time, [illegible] work with kids to teach them the basics of the game as well as strength and endurance training, safety precautions, and learning to function as a team member. They work as critically important yet seldom recognized. Mr. Butkus seeks to change that.

Mr. Butkus will host the first Chicago Sports Legacy Event to recognize outstanding youth sports volunteers and coaches from throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. It will be held in conjunction with the Chicago Bears Comcast Family Fest Saturday, Aug. 3rd at Soldier Field and is supported by the Chicago Bears, Chicago Blackhawks and the University of Illinois.

He will host the first Chicago Sports Legacy Event in conjunction with the Bears Family Fest. Activities include a short program, food and beverages, and enjoying the practice and fireworks from a private suite. Partnerships are available as well as individual tickets at $151 by calling (805) 870-4562 or by email at rarpa@butkusfoundation.org.

Butkus said the concept surfaced after meetings with Chicago area professional sports franchise officials. Any proceeds will be invested in programs of the Butkus Foundation and in youth sports charitable activities through participating professional franchises.

The Butkus Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization that advances health and wellness. It supports the Butkus Awards® honoring linebackers at three levels of play, the I Play Clean™ campaign which seeks to eliminate the use of steroids among teenagers, and cardiovascular wellness through early detection and prevention.

Considered one of the greatest football players in history, Butkus was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1979, following an illustrious career with the Chicago Bears, University of Illinois and Chicago Vocational School. Meanwhile, his son Matt, a defensive lineman for USC's 1980 Rose Bowl winning team, joins his father in philanthropic efforts. More information is at www.thebutkusaward.com.

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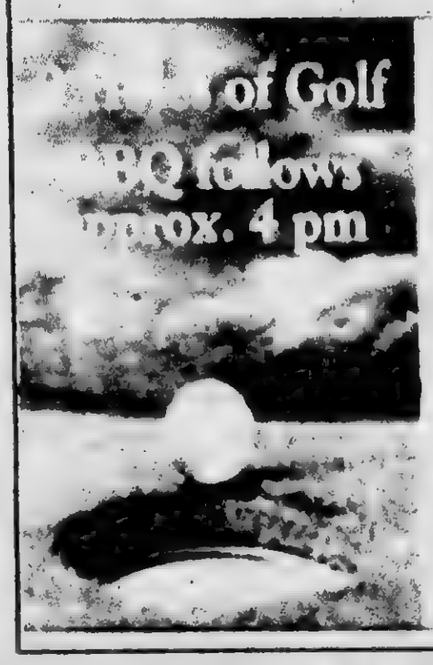


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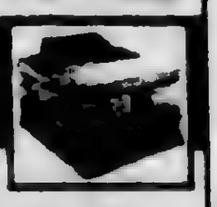

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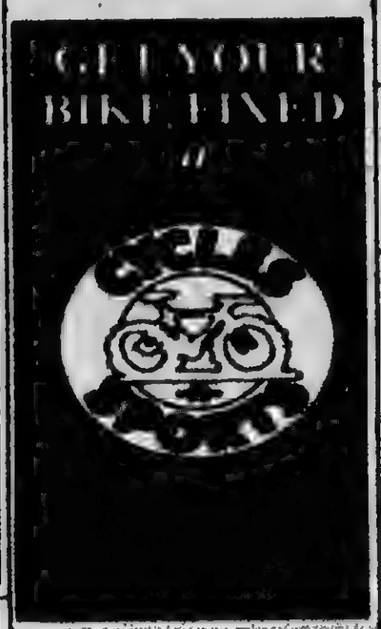


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# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Army Reserve Pfc. Brandon M. Ramos has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. Ramos is the son of Carla Hughes of Lockport. He is a 2012 graduate of Harold Richards High School in Oak Lawn.

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We received this information entitled "Green Berets Take on Anti-Gunners."

The Special Forces Association held its 2013 annual National Convention in San Antonio, Texas. With over 1,000 active-duty and former U.S. Army Green Berets in attendance, it was resolved to ensure politicians understood the Association's membership's steadfast support of the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

A resolution, SFA Resolution, was presented to the membership and resolved the organization's direct support for the Second Amendment and that the right to bear arms is an absolute fundamental freedom and right granted to American Citizens.

The Special Forces Association is headquartered at Fayetteville, North Carolina, near Fort Bragg, the home of the U.S. Army Special Forces, 82nd Airborne, Army Special Operations Command, and the XVII Airborne Corps.

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Recently U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) reintroduced a resolution in the House supporting the respectful and dignified disposal of worn and tattered American flags. Rep. Lipinski is also reminding his constituents that his offices in Orland Park, Lockport, Oak Lawn, and Chicago's Garfield Ridge community accept flags throughout the year for proper disposal.

According to the U.S. Code, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be retired in a dignified way, preferably by burning," said Lipinski.

An annual tradition in Rep. Lipinski's Third Congressional District is the emotional flag retirement ceremony hosted by Chicago Alderman James Balcer (11th) in the Chicago Stockyards industrial district. Last year, Rep. Lipinski and Alderman Balcer officially retired almost 7,000 unserviceable flags collected from residents, buildings, and drop boxes. Third Congressional District residents who wish to dispose of their old flags can take them to any of the congressman's offices listed at *lipinski.house.gov*, or call (312) 886-0481.

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Honor Flight Chicago still has flights, in August, September and the last one on Oct. 2nd, taking World War II veterans to see their memorial and other sights on a one-day all-expense-paid trip. They are accepting World War II veterans and applications can be found on the website www.honorflightchicago.org or call (773) 227-8387.

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All Americans can now be a part of the nation's tribute to the American Soldier.

The Army Historical Foundation's National Museum of the United States Army Brick Program supports the campaign to build the National Army Museum, the first museum to tell the complete history of the U.S. Army from 1776 through today.

Commemorative bricks will line the Path of Remembrance leading to the museum entrance. The bricks can be personalized as a unique and permanent way to honor soldiers and veterans, Army families, Army civilians and Army supporters.

Actor Joe Mantegna, the museum's national spokesperson, chose to honor his uncle, William J. Novelli, a Purple Heart recipient who served in Patton's 3rd Army in World War II.

For more information, visit www.armyhistory.org/brick or call (855) ARMY-BRX.

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Did you know... Snakes do not have eyelids, so even when they're asleep, they cannot close their eyes. They do have a protective layer of clear scales, called brille, over their eyes.

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Quote of the Week

*A peaceful world depends upon better understanding and respect for each other in a spirit of brotherhood and adherence to ethical principles. If these are lost, civilization gradually disappears.*

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Teens in grades 8-12 are invited to complete an application for the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) by Aug. 15th. Selected members for the 2013-14 school year will be notified by Sept. 1st. TAB participation may be counted as volunteer time. The schedule for teen activities and game nights will be announced soon, all teens are welcome.

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A free movie screening of "Shane" will be held on Monday, Aug. 5th at 2 p.m. A weary gunfighter attempts to settle down with a homestead family, but a smoldering settler/rancher conflict forces him to act. Starring Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur and Jack Palance. 1953. Not rated. 118 min.

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A free movie screening of "Skyfall" will take place on Friday, Aug. 9th at 10 a.m. Bond's loyalty to M is tested when her past comes back to haunt her. Whilst M16 comes under attack, 007 must track down and destroy the threat, no matter how personal the cost. Starring Daniel Craig, Judi Dench and Javier Bardem. 2012. PG-13. 143 min.

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The library will hold a Child ID Program on Saturday, Aug. 10th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents will receive a printout containing their child's pertinent information, a front and side color photograph and fingerprints for record keeping. Advance registration is not required.

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Representatives from Moraine Valley Community College will present "Career Paths and Coffee: First Step to a New Future" on Monday, Aug. 12th at 7 p.m. at the library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave. Learn about preparing for high-demand jobs, exploring new careers and earning a college degree. Advance registration is not required.

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A free movie screening of "The Hunger Games" will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 13th at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Katniss Everdeen voluntarily takes her younger sister's place in the Hunger Games, a televised fight to the death in which two teenagers from each of the twelve Districts of Panem are chosen at random to compete. Starring Jennifer Lawrence, Liam Hemsworth and Woody Harrelson. 2012. PG-13. 142 min.

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Donate your "gently used" books, magazines, CDs and videos to the Friends of the Library for the ongoing book sale. Due to space limitations, the Friends will not accept Readers Digest Condensed Books, encyclopedias and older textbooks. The donation drop-off area is near the Cook Ave. entrance. Interested parties may fill out a short form at the Reception Booth to receive a tax letter by mail that acknowledges their donation.

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For additional information, call (708) 422-4990 or visit www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

## *Dan Johnson Is Honored*

**Lenore Goodfriend, former Aid to Congressman Daniel Lipinski, presents a citation, memorializing remarks read into the Congressional Record, by the Congressman, honoring Army Capt. Dan Johnson for his service, and congratulating him, on being elected Commander of Johnson Phelps VFW Post #5220, Oak Lawn. Capt. Johnson recently completed his third tour of duty, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Iraqui Freedom. He is the son of Roy and Betty Johnson of Mt. Greenwood.**

# Oak Lawn Police Calls

On July 7, Eric A. Baker of Hometown was arrested for the possession of a controlled substance after being questioned for acting suspiciously outside a closed auto repair shop at 9201 S. Keating. He was found by police, carrying five plastic bags with heroin residue, a spoon with burned residue and hypodermic needles.

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On July 7, Carlena M. Williams of Oak Lawn was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, the underage consumption of alcohol, obstructing identification, leaving the scene of an accident and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident after police were called to the scene of an accident in the 5400 block of W. 99th Street. It was reported that Williams was walking away from the scene of the accident when police arrived. She had sideswiped a parked car.

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On July 7, Maria Babena of Chicago was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, endangering the lives of children, speeding, weaving across lanes. She had six children between 6 and 14 in the car, five in the back seat with no seat belts after a traffic stop in the 8600 block of S. Cicero Avenue. When breathalyzed, she registered .131 BAC.

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On July 8, Steven J. Broderick of Oak Lawn was arrested for criminal damage to property for scratching graffiti, including his first name and an epithet directed at police on a bed frame in a cell he was in at the Oak Lawn Police Department.

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On July 8, cell phones were taken from a Verizon store at 6238 W. 95th Street. A store employee informed police that a man came into the store and asked questions about the types of phones available. It was reported that the man made a phone call to someone after which, he ripped the two phones off the display and fled the store. He was described as a black male about 6'1 with a stocky build and a scruffy beard. He wore a white T-shirt, blue jeans and gym shoes.

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On July 9, Patrice Clausen of Oak Lawn was arrested for the possession of a stolen vehicle and driving without a license after she allegedly took a 2007 Chrysler off the Hawk Ford lot.

# Take Charge Of Your Diabetes Program

Aging Care Connections, La Grange, will offer the Take Charge of Your Diabetes program for people managing the illness. The program will be held on Tuesdays beginning Aug. 27th through Oct. 1st from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Barbara's Church, 4000-15 Prairie Avenue in Brookfield. The program is free, but registration is required, call 708-354-1323 to register.

The Take Charge of Your Diabetes program, a series of six sessions taught by two trained class leaders, is based on the "Chronic Disease Self-Management Program," created by Stanford University. Research has demonstrated the effectiveness of the program in improving the health outcomes of participants diagnosed with diabetes over time. The topics covered in the series are: coping with fatigue, frustration, pain and isolation that may be related to the illness, exercising to maintain and improve strength, flexibility and endurance, using medications, communicating with family, friends and health professionals, practicing good nutrition, and evaluating new treatment options.

This program is made possible through a grant from the U.S. Administration on Aging via the Illinois Department of Public Health and is co-sponsored by AgeOptions, the Area Agency on Aging of Suburban Cook County.

Aging Care Connections is a non-profit organization which is the connection to the most comprehensive, expert information, programs and services enabling older adults to remain independent and their families to make the best, most informed decisions regarding needed care in their lives. Serving 22 communities in Lyons, Riverside and South Proviso Townships and an additional ten communities in Leyden and Norwood Park Townships for elder abuse investigation, Aging Care Connections' programs and services are made possible by community support and donations, and, in part, by the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA), AgeOptions, Community Memorial Foundation and local United Ways. To learn more, visit www.agingcareconnections.org.

# Oak Lawn Chamber New And Prospective Member Breakfast

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a New & Prospective Member Breakfast hosted by Jason's Deli on Wednesday, Aug. 21st at 8 a.m. Now more than ever, local businesses need the support of one another. Join in for an opportunity to network with current, new and prospective members as well as hear a brief overview of the benefits of becoming a Chamber member.

This event is FREE for prospective and 2013 new members. A $5 donation from current members is appreciated. Join in for a chance to win a $10 Jason's Deli gift card. Kindly RSVP to the Chamber Office at (708) 424-8300.

Founded in 1946, today the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce consists of more than 300 members. The Chamber of Commerce works to represent and advance the Oak Lawn business community, striving with constant integrity, fairness and cooperation to promote and improve the economic atmosphere, business climate and image of Oak Lawn.

Learn more about the Chamber at www.oaklawnchamber.com.

# Business After Hours

Businesses looking to drum up new contacts and leads will have plenty of opportunities during the next several weeks as the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce prepares to offer the following Business After Hours networking events, which will take place on Wednesday, July 25th from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Children's Museum. This is a Multi-Chamber Family Event.

Also, Thursday, Aug. 8th from 5 to 7 p.m. at Southwest Orthopedics, 9618 Southwest Highway; and Wednesday, Aug. 21st at 5 p.m. at Stony Creek Golf Course, Banquet & Restaurant, 5850 W. 103rd St.

Business After Hours are the premier networking events for business owners and professionals. This program gives members the opportunity to showcase their business and facility while share ideas and learning about other local businesses. It is a relationship-building experience held in a relaxed setting that benefits members through added contacts and resources. Refreshments are provided and all BAHs are free for Chamber members to attend.

Learn about the Chamber at www.oaklawnchamber.com.

## Seminar Helps Boomers Maintain Sexual Health As They Age

Kidanu Birhanu, MD, Fellow of International Society for The Study of Women's Sexual Health and a member of the Sexual Medicine Society of North America, presents "Intimacy: 40, 50 and Beyond" on Tuesday, July 30th at 7 p.m. at the Oak Lawn VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Avenue, across the street from the Metra Southwest Service Oak Lawn stop.

To register for this free 45-60 minute seminar, visit RenewYouHealth.com and click on "events" or call 708-229-2159.

# Multi Chamber Luncheon

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly luncheon with the Alsip Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Aug. 13th at the Doubletree by Hilton, Alsip. Registration and networking begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by noon lunch.

This is a good opportunity for networking and meeting other businesses in and around Oak Lawn. Come out and join us. All events are open to members and business owners. Contact the Chamber office at (708) 424-8300 or email office@oaklawnchamber.com to reserve your spot.

# Vacation Bible School

Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 9230 Pulaski Road, will present SonWest Roundup Vacation Bible School Monday, July 15th through Friday, July 19th from 9 to 11:30 a.m., for children 3 years of age (potty trained) to 6th grade.

For information download registration form at www.trinityoaklawn.org/events.html or call (708) 422-5111.

# Introduction To Reiki

An introductory Reiki experience will be offered on Sunday, July 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

Reiki is a gentle form of energy healing, reported to be especially beneficial for those suffering from physical or emotional pain. Reiki practitioners led by Sharon Butler will offer their healing services to participants, asking a donation of $10 per participant. Advance registration is necessary, as the monthly Reiki program is limited to ten participants each month. Call The Center at (708) 361-3650.


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# *Memorial Garden For Park Lawn Center*

Park Lawn Volunteer and Eagle Scout Donny Mckenna completed his Eagle Service Project by creating a memorial garden for Park Lawn Center residential facility located in Alsip.

The memorial is in honor of the residents of the Park Lawn facility who have passed away. It is beneficial to Park Lawn because the families and friends of the departed Park Lawn residents now have a peaceful location in which to remember their loved ones. Many of the Park Lawn participants can be found on warm summer days out by the memorial enjoying Donny's work.

Mckenna (15) is a student at Brother Rice High School and a Boy Scout who is closing in on the rank of Eagle.

"Obtaining the rank of Eagle is a monumental and prestigious task; less than two boys that join scouting ever receive the rank of Eagle," according to his father, Don Mckenna Sr.

The Eagle rank requirement consists of all the duties of a life scout, obtaining 21 merit badges, serving actively for a period of six months in their unit in one or more of the following positions of responsibility: Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, Venturing crew/ship, and the Service Project.

His final requirement was an Eagle Service Project. The project is an opportunity for a Boy Scout to demonstrate leadership of others while performing a project for the benefit of an organization in his community.

He began planning his project for Park Lawn in the fall of 2012. The initial planning and fundraising was a long process, but the final project he said would take only an estimated 4 weeks. He began the project in early April and finished the project within the early summer months.

The project included recruiting other troop members, family, and friends to help assist him in this project. He led the group of about 10 to 15 volunteers in their journey to finish the project. Mckenna was required to do fundraising for all of the supplies needed. Donny and his team filled the memorial with plants, stone, mulch and gravel, and a bench.

Residential Services Director Ellie Crumbock has wanted a memorial garden for a very long time at Park Lawn Center.

"It is the perfect setting to reflect on all of our loved ones who meant so much to all of us and will have a permanent place in our hearts," said Crumbock. "Words cannot express how thankful we are that Donny chose Park Lawn as the recipient of such a wonderful gift."

Park Lawn is a non-profit organization offering a variety of programs and services such as adult developmental training, residential facilities, vocational training, supported employment and more for individuals with developmental disabilities since 1955. The mission of Park Lawn is to provide services that promote independence, choice and access to community for people with developmental disabilities. More information about Park Lawn can be found at www.parklawn.com.

Donny Mckenna (second from left) recruited friends and family for his final Eagle Scout project, which was to create a memorial garden for Park Lawn Center.

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# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Ronald Chapman**

Services were held Thursday at the Palos-Gaidas Funeral Home, Palos Hills, for Ronald Chapman, 68.

He is survived by his daughter Zorona (Jeff) Nance, three grandchildren and his brother Leland Chapman and his sister Mary Anne (Patrick) Ryan.

**James Frederick Davidson**

Services were held at the Zimmerman and Sandeman Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with private interment, for James Frederick Davidson, a Vietnam War Veteran. He was a lifetime resident of Orland Park and the husband of the late Janet Louise. He was the co-owner of T.H. Davidson Redi-Mix Company, which started in 1921 as a coal and fuel yard. In 1955 the company became a concrete building material company.

He is survived by his children Robert (Cathleen), Amy (Steven) Maslan and William (Melissa) Davidson, five grandchildren, and his brothers Thomas (Sandy) and Scott (Kathy) Davidson.

**Helene A. Evans-Reinke**

Services were held at the Andrew J. McGann & Son Funeral Home, Chicago, on Wednesday, with private interment, for Helene A. Evans-Reinke, 91. She was the wife of the late Joseph Reinke and the late Joseph Evans.

She is survived by her children Dennis, Diane (Rich) Palm, David (PD Ret. (Martha), Daniel (Patricia) and Donald, eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Christine A. Figura**

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Christine A. Figura. She was the wife of the late Aloysius.

She is survived by her children Jeff, Ann Marie, Albert and Dan Figura, one grandchild and her siblings Irvin Miniszewski, Leonard & Diane Kazmierczak, Ralph (Marlene) Kazmierczak, Robert and Gail Kazmierczak and Beatrice and Charles Fink.

**Daniel Edward Hennelly**

Mass was said at St. Damian Catholic Church, Oak Forest, on July 20, for Daniel Edward Hennelly of Lakeland, Fla. He was in the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War. He is a former resident of Tinley Park and Oak Forest. He was retired from Greyhound Bus Lines.

He is survived by his wife Dolores, his children Donald, Donna and Daniel and eight grandchildren.

**Michael L. Janko**

Mass was said at St. Walter Church, Blue Island, on Wednesday, with private cremation, for Michael L. Janko, 50, a lifelong resident of the City of Blue Island. He was the 5th Ward Alderman and Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Blue Island. He was also the president of the Mother McAuley Father's Club and a board member of the Blue Island Historical Society.

He is survived by his wife Kimberly A., his children Casey and Emma and his brother Philip.

**Robert A. Janus**

Services will be held at the Curley Funeral Home, Chicago Ridge, on Thursday, July 25, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Robert A. "Bobby" Janus, 69. He was a retired member of CFD. He was also a member of Garfield SAC, Firefighters Local #2 and Brotherhood of the Barrel.

He is survived by his daughter Tracy Larsen and his step-daughter Deborah Prawiec, two grandchildren and his brothers Donald and Alan (Pam) and his sister Karen.

**Mark J. Madden**

Mass was said at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, on Tuesday, with entombment at St. Mary Mausoleum, for Mark J. Madden, 82, Ret. Sgt. CPD and a US Navy veteran serving in the Korean War. He was the husband of the late Dolores "Dee".

He is survived by his daughter Pamela A. Madden.

**Tony O. Martino**

Mass was said at St. Donatus Church, Blue Island, on Wednesday, with private interment, for Tony O. Martino, husband of the late Alvina.

He is survived by his children Gwen (Evan Berry) Epperson and Lynn (Carole Mitchell) Martino, one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

**Raymond G. Milnes Sr.**

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Thursday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Raymond G. Milnes Sr., 85. He was a US Navy veteran and for many years he was a volunteer at Palos Community Hospital.

He is survived by his wife Maybelle, his children Raymond Jr. (Cheryl) and Scott (Lynda), eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Frank E. Stramaglia**

Services were held at the Hills Funeral Home, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, with private interment, for Frank E. Stramaglia, 83, a US Navy Korean War Veteran.

He is survived by his wife Lilhan, his children Frank Jr. (Theresa), Bettiann (Robert) Ruditz and Mary Ann (Steve) Wintercorn, six grandchildren and his siblings Mary, Alfred and Don.

**Michael R. Nolan**

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, on Thursday, July 25, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Michael R. Nolan.

He is survived by his wife Kim, his daughter Rachel and his brother John (Susan).

**Genevieve R. Partyka**

Mass will be said at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, 10811 Ridgeland Ave., on Saturday, July 27 at 10 a.m. with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Genevieve R. Partyka, 87, of Chicago Ridge. She was the wife of the late John J.

She is survived by her children John, Ken (Elizabeth) and Maria (John) Cary, three grandchildren and her brothers Leonard and Ben (Lorraine).

**John J. Partyka**

Mass will be said at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, 10811 Ridgeland Ave., on Saturday, July 27 at 10 a.m. with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for John J. Partyka, 89, of Chicago Ridge. He was the husband of the late Genevieve R.

He is survived by his children John, Ken (Elizabeth) and Maria (John) Carey and three grandchildren.

**Geraldine J. Wilkinson**

Mass was said at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Geraldine J. Wilkinson, 82. She was the wife of the late Harold A. Sr.

She is survived by her children Sharon Panacchia, Nancy Valenta, Donna (Brian) Podest, Jay Pinner, fourteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and many siblings.

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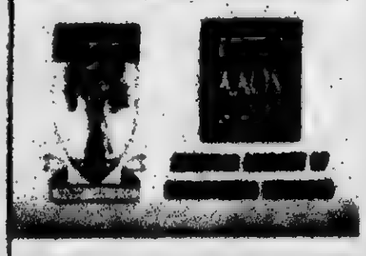

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# Stanley Cup Visits Crestwood

**Blackhawks Trainer Mike Gapski (center), of Crestwood, is surrounded by the Shepard High School Marching Band on Wednesday, July 24th as he holds the Stanley Cup.**

The Stanley Cup arrived at Incarnation Parish, 127th and Central Ave., on Wednesday, July 24th. About 100 people were gathered to greet the Cup some of them had arrived as early as 6:30 a.m. awaiting its arrival at 9 a.m. The cup remained at Incarnation until 10:30 a.m. and then was escorted to Caesar Park, 140th and Kenton, where about 3,000 people were anxiously waiting.

Blackhawks head trainer, Mike Gapski, 55, of Crestwood and a parishioner of Incarnation Church, brought the Cup to Crestwood. Reportedly he also brought the Cup to Incarnation Parish in 2010 for a fundraiser.

The Cup was at the football field at Caesar Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and individuals and families posed for pictures with the Stanley Cup. Shepard High School marching band furnished the music. They played many songs including "Chelsea Dagger," the song played at the United Center after each Blackhawks goal and victory.

# Failures In Free Fall

Data comparing failure rates for second semesters the past four years reveal an encouraging trend. This year, failures fell to their lowest level since the district began tracking.

Administrators have identified some possible reasons. The trend, with an exception or two in individual years at individual schools, spans across Eisenhower, Richards, and Shepard high schools.

Dating back to 2010, the average number of failed classes in all of District 218 for second semester looks like this: 1,117, 814, 896, and 760. Even the one year where the number rose slightly stands significantly lower than 2010.

"It's encouraging to see that the number of failures has generally decreased over the past three years," said Dr. Kathy Gavin, the director of data, assessment, and evaluation.

So, what's behind the fall in failures? Quite possibly, a change to a more centrally-aligned system of testing and course objectives.

"This could be attributed to common unit and semester assessments tightly aligned to course objectives and instructional strategies," she wrote in her report to the Board of Education.

Over the last several years, District 218 has developed common unit assessments. Teams of teachers developed exams for use by all instructors of English I, U.S. History, etc.

What difference does it make to employ the same assessments and tests? Plenty.

First, because all instructors who teach a specific course must use the same assessment or test, they know what material must be covered.

Every teacher for a specific course covers the same content, tests that content in the same way, and then analyzes results.

"The best classroom assessments serve as meaningful sources of information for teachers, helping them identify what they taught well and what they need to work on," according to the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

In other words, common assessments help identify areas where students show strength and where they need help. Ultimately, that means they improve mastery of concepts and skills.

And 'unit' assessments – those that test students at regular intervals – provide immediate feedback. That's extremely useful for teachers. They know right away where students need some help.

# Kick Off School Supply Drive

Marquette Bank, a locally-owned neighborhood bank, launched its annual Neighborhood School Supply Drive this week and will be collecting items including crayons, glue, spiral notebooks and backpacks, which will be donated to students of families in need. The collected items will be distributed to students in need from neighboring communities. The collected items will be distributed through local schools and community organizations.

Customers, employees, neighbors and businesses can donate school supplies at any of Marquette Bank's 23 locations now through Aug. 9th. Marquette Bank is accepting donations of backpacks, binders, boxes of tissue, calculators, colored pencils, crayons, dictionaries, erasers, flash cards, folders, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, highlighters, paper towels, pens pencils, rulers, sanitary wipes; scissors, spiral notebooks, washable markers and other general school supplies.

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AUGUST 2 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 12:30 p.m.

AUGUST 3 – Saturday – District 11 "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon

AUGUST 5 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 5 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

AUGUST 6 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

AUGUST 7 – Wednesday – Farmers Market, Dumke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 am. to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday except Sept. 4th.)

AUGUST 7 – Wednesday – Rules of the Road Driving Classes (free), Worth Township Seniors, 11601 Pulaski Road, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

AUGUST 7 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

AUGUST 8 – Thursday – Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

AUGUST 8 – Thursday – Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

AUGUST 12 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 13 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 13 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

AUGUST 13 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

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AUGUST 14 – Wednesday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 15 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

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# Evaluate Energy Reduction Opportunities

Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos (pictured) of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), has announced that the MWRD has enlisted the Public Building Commission of Chicago's assistance in evaluating energy reduction opportunities at its facilities.

In 2011 the MWRD began driving down the path to energy neutrality by purchasing electricity at discounted rates through a competitive auction, installing solar panels and introducing sewer thermal technology to maximize the heat produced by the wastewater treatment process.

Commissioner Spyropoulos, MWRD's appointee to the Public Building Commission, stated that "it is a model of cooperation between intergovernmental agencies and it will help bring down costs." Spyropoulus also stated that "the Public Building Commission manages construction and renovation for the City of Chicago, and while the MWRD has had an appointee on the PBC Board since 1956, this is the first time the District and PBC are working together. The MWRD is excited about working to achieve savings on behalf of taxpayers."

Commissioner Spyropoulos concluded by saying "once agreements are finalized, the next step will include in-depth audits of how power is used at MWRD facilities. After the audits are completed, PCB will provide a detailed analysis along with recommended savings to the MWRD."


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**At a recent meeting, the Swallow Cliff Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution installed its new slate of officers for the 2013-2015 term. They are: Eles Miller of Orland Park as Regent, Gale Shafer of Tinley Park as Vice Regent, Omega Riley-Cole of Oak Forest as Chaplain, Lisa Smith of Oak Lawn as Recording Secretary, Barbara Lamb of Palos Hills as Corresponding Secretary, Paula Fitzgerald of Orland Park as Treasurer, Gloria Flathom of Oak Lawn as Registrar, Marilyn Earnest of Oak Forest as Historian, and Jane Fulghum of Glenwood as Librarian. The NSDAR is a non-profit, non-political organization dedicated to preserving American history, securing America's future through better education, and promoting patriotism. Membership in the DAR is a unique opportunity to honor one's lineage and heritage as a descendant of a patriot of the American Revolution.**

**Pictured left to right: Swallow Cliff Chapter, NSDAR officers for 2013-2015: Jane Fulghum, Marilyn Earnest, Paula Fitzgerald, Gloria Flathom, Barbara Lamb, Lisa Smith, Gale Shafer, and Eles Miller. Not pictured: Omega Riley-Cole.**

# Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees

Spruce up your landscape by joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August.

Everyone who joins the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation with a $10 donation will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees through the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in each member's area, which falls between Oct. 15th and Dec. 10th. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

"Colorado blue spruce trees provide homeowners with numerous benefits," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They can be used as an energy-saving windbreak, for privacy, as ornamental trees and even as living Christmas trees out in the yard. They truly provide year-round beauty for any landscape."

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care, and a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication.

To receive the free Colorado blue spruce trees, send a $10 membership contribution to Ten Free Blue Spruces, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Aug. 31st, or join online at *arborday.org/august*.

# MWRD Vendor Outreach Event

Vendors hoping to work with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) can expect a fair process that affords all qualified business owners a chance to secure a contract. The first step is to register as a potential vendor, and to make the registration process easier, the MWRD is hosting a vendor outreach event on Wednesday, August 14 from 8 a.m. to noon at the University of Illinois at Chicago – Student Center East, 750 S. Halsted Street.

"Businesses of all sizes face stiff competition during this difficult economic climate, so the Board of Commissioners continues to advocate for the participation of Minority Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and Small Business Enterprises in all of our contracting programs," said, MWRD Vice President Barbara J. McGowan, Chairman of the Affirmative Action Committee. "We strongly recommend that these owners take advantage of this free event."

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# EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

## *Ban Assault Weapons, Toughen Penalties*

The Cook County Board of Commissioners have approved changes to the county's assault weapons ban and toughened penalties for violations of the ordinance.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Commissioner Jesus G. "Chuy" Garcia (D-7th) and Commissioner Larry Suffredin (D-14th) sponsored amendments to the "Blair Holt Assault Weapons Ban," named for the son of a Chicago police officer who was killed in a 2007 shooting while protecting a high school classmate. The changes update, define and expand various categories of assault weapons whose sale, possession or ownership are banned in Cook County. The amended ordinance sets out in great detail the specific weapons that are covered by the ban.

The County Board's action follows recent approval of the state's concealed carry law, which gives local governments a deadline by which they need to address changes in their own ordinances governing possession of guns.

"We must do what we can to stem the tide of gun violence and keep weapons with high levels of destructive capability out of circulation," President Preckwinkle said. "This amended ordinance recognizes the challenges we face in Cook County and puts in place responsible and meaningful laws aimed at protecting our residents and law enforcement officers."

The amended assault weapons ordinance will increase penalties for violators of its provisions. Any person found in violation shall be subject to a fine of between $1,000 and $5,000. The previous fines ranged from $500 to $1,000. A subsequent violation of the ordinance could bring a fine of up to $10,000. Individuals found in violation may still be sentenced for a jail term of up to six months.

The ordinance exempts any firearm that has been made permanently inoperable or is an "antique firearm," or weapons designed specifically for Olympic target shooting events.

The assault weapons ban applies to all municipalities in Cook County unless a municipality has its own law on the books.

In a separate action, the Board also approved an ordinance proposed by President Preckwinkle and Commissioner Garcia that establishes guidelines and penalties concerning access to firearms and ammunition by minors.

The "Protection of Minors" ordinance prohibits the sale or transfer of any firearm or ammunition to a minor, defined in the ordinance as any person under the age of 21. It further sets specific rules that firearms owners must follow to secure weapons and prevent access to those weapons by minors, such as storing them in locked containers separate from ammunition or equipping them with trigger locks.

Penalties for violating the ordinance include a mandatory fine of $1,000 for the first offense and a fine of up to $2,000 for each repeat offense. The ordinance includes a provision that exempts access and use of a firearm by a minor in a lawful act of self defense, in the defense of another person, or if a minor gains access to a firearm through unlawful entry.

Also exempted are law enforcement officers and members of the armed forces or National Guard while engaged in their official duties. common sense approach to making sure children do not have unrestricted access to weapons and will hopefully prevent the kinds of incidents we hear about all too often, where youngsters find loaded weapons with tragic results," President Preckwinkle said. Both ordinances go into effect immediately.

## *Gina McCarthy Named New EPA Administrator*

The U.S. Senate confirmed Gina McCarthy as administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Illinois Senator Dick Durbin voted to confirm and Senator Mark Kirk voted against confirming Ms. McCarthy. The confirmation came just weeks after President Obama instructed EPA to cut carbon pollution from power plants as part of his plan to fight global warming. Kate Abendroth, Field Associate for Environment Illinois, issued the following statement in response:

"Gina McCarthy's confirmation is long-awaited good news for the planet and Illinoisans' health.

"Ms. McCarthy's stellar work under both Republican and Democratic governors, coupled with her track record at EPA proves that when it comes to protecting our families' health and environment, it isn't about which party or who you work for. It's about whether you can get the job done. Gina McCarthy can get the job done.

"Working with a variety of stakeholders over the past four years, Ms. McCarthy was integral to several historic initiatives, including new federal clean car standards that represent the biggest step the U.S. has ever taken to get off oil and tackle global warming, the first-ever federal limits on mercury pollution from power plants, and the first-ever proposed federal limits on carbon pollution from new power plants.

"I am confident that Ms. McCarthy will continue to put her professionalism and commitment to work developing solutions to the formidable environmental challenges we still face.

"There is much that remains to be done. In the next three years, we're counting on EPA to finalize carbon limits for new and existing power plants – the largest sources of global warming pollution – as outlined in President Obama's recently announced Climate Action Plan. In addition EPA must secure protections for all our waterways, ensuring safe drinking water for 117 million Americans, limiting pollution from development and factory farms. EPA must deal with the tremendous health and environmental threats from fracking and move ahead with other much-needed environmental initiatives.

"I thank Senator Durbin for voting to confirm Gina McCarthy's appointment and am disappointed Senator Kirk voted against the confirmation."

## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Last week, Governor Pat Quinn signed legislation that enacts a critical part of President Obama's Affordable Care Act (ACA) by making Medicaid coverage available to all low-income adults in Illinois. His action delivers on a major priority announced by Governor Quinn in his 2013 State of the State address and is part of his agenda to improve the health of the people of Illinois and increase access to quality health care.

"In the home state of President Obama, we believe access to quality health care is a fundamental right and we proudly embrace the Affordable Care Act," Governor Quinn said. "This legislation will greatly improve the health of hundreds of thousands of people across Illinois, strengthen our health care system and create thousands of good jobs in the health care field. Thanks to this law and our shared commitment to increasing access to health care coverage in Illinois, the people of Illinois will be healthier and have a higher quality of life."

Sponsored by State Senator Heather Steans (D-Chicago) and State Representative Sara Feigenholtz (D-Chicago), Senate Bill 26 will make Medicaid coverage available to adults with annual income below 138 percent of the federal poverty line, which is $15,800 for individuals and $21,408 for couples. The measure is expected to enroll 342,000 people by 2017. Currently, Medicaid is only available to children, their parents or guardians, adults with disabilities or seniors. Enrollment for the newly eligible population will begin Oct. 1 with coverage starting on Jan. 1.

Under the ACA, for the first three years, coverage of newly eligible adults will be 100 percent federally funded. The reimbursement rate will phase down to 90 percent by 2020. State officials estimate this will bring more than $12 billion in new federal funding to support the state's health care system from 2014 to 2020.

"The Affordable Care Act gives Illinois the resources to provide critical health care services to a population that desperately needs it," Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Director Julie Hamos said. "Under Governor Quinn's leadership, we are reforming our health care system so that it focuses on delivering coordinated care and keeping people healthy through better preventive care, not just paying the bills when they become sick."

Under Governor Quinn's leadership, Illinois is also increasing access to health coverage through the Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace, another major feature of the ACA. The Marketplace, which also launches enrollment Oct. 1 with coverage starting Jan. 1, will be accessed through a user-friendly website where individuals, families and small businesses will be able to compare health care policies and premiums and purchase comprehensive health coverage. Those with income between 138 percent and 400 percent of the federal poverty level will receive subsidies on a sliding scale if they obtain coverage through the marketplace.

For more information about Illinois' implementation of the ACA, go to HealthCareReform.illinois.gov.

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Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka sent All Points the following statement last week after a legal review of the Governor's Amendatory Veto of legislative salaries:

"After the Governor used his Amendatory Veto to remove the budget line items for lawmaker salaries, I asked my staff to conduct a legal review and determine the appropriate course of action. That review included discussions with the Governor's legal staff, Legislative legal staffs and the Attorney General's Office. While there is conflicting opinion on this matter, I believe the case of AFSCME vs. Netsch provides the most pertinent guidance. In that case, the court ruled that the Comptroller could not pay state employees without an appropriation.

"This situation is different in that it involves two, co-equal branches of government, and that distinction may well be considered by the Court down the line. But at this point in time, the Attorney General has advised that these payments cannot be made without an appropriation or court order.

"It is my deep hope that this matter is resolved expeditiously either by legislative action or court intervention. Given the serious precedent that is being created, I look forward to receiving additional guidance from the judicial branch.

"By way of Editorial comment, let me be clear: this is no way to run government. Threats, blackmail and inertia may be good theater, but it makes us look ridiculous and takes away from our ability to get things done. It is time for leaders to lead."

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Cook County Commissioner Joan Murphy wants to make certain that homeowners struggling to pay their mortgage should act now and apply for the Hardest Hit Program. The last day to apply is September 30. The Illinois Foreclosure Prevention Network has been a tremendous success to homeowners struggling to maintain their home while they work to regain employment and financial stability.

Illinois Hardest Hit Program offers temporary help to homeowners faced with unemployment and underemployment to catch up on their mortgage payments and keep their home. Preventing foreclosure is one of the most essential ways to keep our communities strong.

Visit online www.keepyourhome.illinois.org or www.illinoishardesthit.org for application and instructions. Call the Illinois Foreclosure Prevention Network at 1-855-533-7411 for trusted, reliable and free information.

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State Senator Michael E. Hastings (D-Orland Hills) stood in support as Governor Quinn signed the South Suburban Airport Act into law. The act, cosponsored by Hastings, dedicates funding to the development of a new airport in Peotone. The airport will be built by the Illinois Department of Transportation and operate in a public-private partnership known as a "P3."

"I made a commitment to the residents of the 19th District that I would look for new opportunities to create jobs and foster growth in the Southland," Hastings said. "This law will expand our intermodal transportation system and bring hundreds of construction and skilled labor jobs to an area that has been struggling to recover from the recent downturn in the economy. It's a start in the right direction, and I believe, a sign of better things to come."

Senate Bill 20 was approved by both the House and Senate in May of this year.

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The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago is pleased to announce that they will host a training and networking session for contractors and vendors interested in working with the MWRD.

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# Health & Nutrition

Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

### WHAT DO EGG GRADES MEAN?

The USDA ranks eggs and sets the standards based on size and quality. Although egg safety and wholesomeness inspections are required, egg grade for quality is voluntary. If an egg producer chooses to have eggs graded, the USDA is paid by the producer for the service.

There are three U.S. grades for eggs which are AA, A, and B. Grading is by interior quality and shell condition and size.

***THE EGG EXTERIOR***

Eggshells are inspected for texture, shape, cleanliness and number of cracks. Small probes are used to tap an egg multiple times and record a sound that's made. If it is high pitched and ringing that means the eggshell is intact. A thump means there is a crack. Grade AA and A eggs must have clean shells while small stains are permitted on Grade B shells.

***THE EGG INTERIOR***

The process of "candling" is still used to inspect eggs. Although in days past an egg was held up to a candle to illuminate its interior, today it is rotated over high intensity light and judged by the size of the air cell proportion and quality of the albumen or egg white, and by the yolk's firmness. (The air cell is the empty space between the egg white and shell at the large end of the egg. Smaller air cells are preferred.)

Grade AA eggs have high round yolks and thick whites. Grade A eggs have whites that are fairly firm, while Grade B eggs have thinner whites and flatter yolks. Grade B yolks are often used by processing into liquid, frozen or dried products. According to the USDA, Grade A eggs are the most popular sold in stores.

***SIZE***

Egg size is independent of grade. Scales weigh eggs and sort them according to minimum weight per dozen.

JUMBO: 30 oz. per dozen
EXTRA LARGE: 27 oz. per dozen
LARGE: 24 oz. per dozen
MEDIUM: 21 oz. per dozen
SMALL: 18 oz. per dozen
PEEWEE: 15 oz. per dozen

***THE DIFFERENCE IN EGG COLORS***

The color of the egg's shell and yolk may differ, depending on breed of hen and diet. None of these factors, however, influence quality, nutrition value, or flavor of the egg. Rhode Island reds lay eggs that are medium to dark brown and are larger than the average size egg on the market. The Leghorn, on the other hand, lays large, white eggs. Yolk color is directly related to a hen's diet or the freshness of the egg. Hen diets heavy in green plants, yellow corn, alfalfa and other plant material with a yellow-green hue will produce a dark-yellow orange yolk. Diets of wheat or barley produce yellow yolks, and hens fed white cornmeal produce almost colorless yolks. Free range hens, which eat more heavily pigmented food, produce eggs with darker yolks. The American Egg Board has found that the U.S. consumer preference is usually for light gold or lemon colored yolks.

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# Call On Donors To Help Alleviate Summer Shortage

The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood donors of all types, especially O negative, A negative and B negative, as fewer donations than expected were given in the first half of summer. Every day donations come up short, less potentially lifesaving blood is available for patients in need.

Type O negative blood is universal and can be transfused to anyone who needs blood. Types A negative and B negative can be transfused to both Rh positive or negative patients. Blood products can be used for cancer patients, trauma victims, organ transplant recipients, premature babies, sickle cell disease patients and more.

Hospital patients are counting on generous volunteer donors to step up and give now to help ensure a sufficient blood supply is available all summer long. Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS for more information and to make an appointment.

Upcoming area blood donation opportunities:

Aug. 3 from 12-6 p.m. at UAW Local 551, 13550 S. Torrence Ave. in Chicago

Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at One Financial Plaza, 440 S. LaSalle in Chicago

Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark St. in Chicago

Aug. 14 from 12:30-5:30 p.m. at DePaul University Student Center, 2250 N. Sheffield in Chicago

Aug. 15 from 3-8 p.m. at DePaul University Ray Meyer Fitness Center, 2235 N. Sheffield in Chicago

Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark St. in Chicago

Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit *redcrossblood.org* to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

For more information, visit *redcross.org* or visit on Twitter at @RedCross.

# *Open Auditions For "Monty Python's Spamalot"*

The Beverly Theatre Guild is pleased to announce open auditions for the first production of its 2013-2014 Season. The production will be directed by Glenn Hering, along with Music Director Terri Lenz and Choreographer Tom Fagan, and Assistant Choreographer Jen Lenihan. All roles will be cast at open auditions. No appointment is necessary.

GENERAL AUDITIONS will be on Sunday, Aug. 4th at 1 p.m. and Monday, Aug. 5th at 7 p.m. CALL-BACKS will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 6th at 7 p.m. at Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner Ave. in Oak Lawn.

Auditions will consist of: Vocal auditions: 32 measures of a song of auditioner's choosing, provide sheet music to the accompanist in the key desired. For dancing roles: the dance audition will be short combinations taught at the auditions. Wear appropriate shoes and clothing. Bring tap shoes if you have them. Bring headshot and resume, if available.

There may be some doubling of roles, for example, Ensemble Members doubling in cameos. There are some non-singing, non-dancing roles, and there are some roles for children ages 11 to 14, so all are welcome at auditions. Bring your sense of humor and a sense of [Monty Python-style] fun.

Performance dates are Oct. 18 to 20 & Oct. 25 to 27 (6 performances) at The Baer Theater at Morgan Park Academy Arts Center, 2153 W. 111th St. in Chicago. More detailed information about auditions is available on the web site www.beverlytheatreguild.org or call 773-284-8497 or (e-mail) beverlytheatreguild@juno.com.


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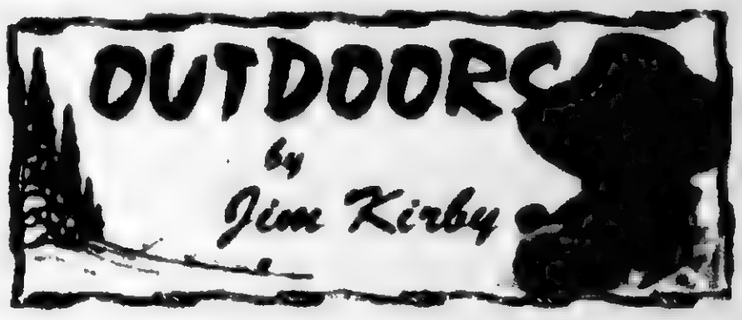


**NO CHANGES IN INDIANA MUSKIE FISHING RULES:** Now that Michigan has restricted anglers to keeping one muskie per year and has implemented a harvest tag system, will Indiana muskie anglers face a similar change? Not likely, at least for now.

Current rules allow Indiana licensed anglers to take one muskie per day in Indiana. There are no limits in Indiana on the number of muskies an Indiana-licensed angler can take per year. The only tags required in Indiana for harvest pertain to deer and turkey hunting, not fishing. Michigan's muskie tag is free. Any angler who catches a muskie must release the fish if that person does not possess a harvest tag.

Michigan also imposes a much higher size limit on muskies than Indiana. A muskie must be 36 inches or larger to be taken in Indiana, whereas muskies taken in southern Michigan must be at least 42 inches; and some Michigan waters, 50 inches or longer.

Michigan also differs from Indiana on when anglers can fish for muskies. Michigan imposes a closed season from March 16 until the last Saturday of April on the waters in the Lower Peninsula, while Indiana has no closed season because Indiana depends entirely on stocking muskies.

**■SAFETY EDUCATION:** Begin planning now for the upcoming 2013-14 hunting seasons in Illinois by checking the schedule of DNR Hunter Safety Education Courses. Many Hunter Safety classes are scheduled in advance of the fall seasons and summer is a good time to register. Classes fill up quickly, so check the IDNR website for scheduled classes, more of which are added each week. The website for IDNR safety education courses is *www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety*.

**■OTHER BREAKING NEWS ITEMS:** *Great Lakes water levels continue upward trend. The water level of all five Great Lakes is now higher than a year ago. The level of Lake Michigan-Huron gained an inch in one week. *Liberal media muzzled about gun crime decline. The Justice Dept. released a study recently that showed firearm-related homicides in the U.S. annually declined 39% from 18,253 in 1993 to 11,101 in 2011. Nonfatal firearm crimes declined 6% from 1.5 million to 467,300 in that time frame... *Gobies have altered Lake Michigan bass fishing. On May 4, two anglers weighed a five-fish bass tournament record for southern Lake Michigan. The Indiana men weighed five smallmouth bass at 25.72 lbs. in an "Angler's Dream" tournament out of East Chicago Marina. (*Great Lakes Basin Report*)

**■OUTDOOR CALENDAR: Aug. 1:** Perch fishing has reopened in the Illinois Waters of Lake Michigan. "*Should not have been closed in the first place.*" *Squirrel hunting season opens. *Free upland game permit applications begin. *Last day to apply for Wisconsin's 2013 wolf-season permit.

**■MICHIGAN WOLF HUNTING LICENSES GO ON SALE AUG. 3:** Beginning Saturday, Aug. 3 at noon EDT until Oct. 31, or until the license quota is met, 1200 licenses will be available for purchase. Remember, a spot in line before noon on Aug. 3 does not guarantee a license. All wolf license purchases are first-come, first-served. Wolf licenses cost $100 for Michigan residents and $500 for non-residents.

For more information regarding hunting dates, regulations and the required wolf call-in system, check the 2013 Wolf Hunting Digest. All digests can be found online at *www.michigan.gov/dnrdigests*. Paper copies where DNR licenses are sold.

**■OUTDOOR REPORT:** Panfish hitting early and late all local ponds, lite line, small hooks and bobbers work well. *Perch fishing open again in Illinois waters of Lake Michigan, taking minnows and gulp-style baits. *The south end of Lake Michigan including tributaries giving up salmon, steelhead, brown and occasional lake trout from shore and boating when weather permits; an occasional Chinook adds to the mixed-bag of fish to be had on the "Big Pond."

**■MORE ANGLERS TRY THEIR HAND AT KAYAK FISHING:** Kayaking is one of the fastest-growing water sports, so it's no reach to say that kayak fishing has also found popularity among anglers. For many, the kayak offers distinct advantages over traditional boats. Kayaks can go where larger boats cannot, such as the smaller streams and rivers that smallmouth bass frequent. Some anglers say it allows them a more intimate connection with the waters they fish, and is good exercise. Kayaks can also be easy to transport and light on the wallet. Kayaks are also popular among families as well and can be a good way to introduce children to fishing. According to the National Marine Manufacturers Association, Americans bought 239,500 kayaks in 2012, the sixth consecutive year that kayaks beat the number of canoes sold. (*Huntdownhub*)

**■THINK ABOUT IT:** "If "con" is the opposite of "pro," is "Congress" the opposite of "progress?" (Bill Fett in *Fishing Facts*)

**■E-Mail Jim Kirby:** *kirbyoutdoors@sbcglobal.net*

# Pretty Muddy Women's Mud Run

Pretty Muddy, an exciting women-only event where participants can let their hair down and have fun, makes a return to Chicagoland this year with an event in Orland Park on Sept. 7. The Pretty Muddy Farm, 14800 West 183rd Street, Orland Park, will host the event. Registration for the event is open.

More than a mud run, Pretty Muddy is a 5k adventurous obstacle course mud run for any woman who wants to get outside, spend time with friends and have fun. The event includes 9-12 architecturally safe obstacles, tons of mud and ends with a pretty epic finish line party. Women of ALL fitness levels are encouraged to join teams, create costumes and prepare themselves for three miles of achievement, followed by entertainment, music, drinks and a Pretty Awesome celebration!

"Pretty Muddy is the women's mud fun run of the summer," said Pretty Muddy LLC Owner and President Kevin Scharnek. "Our events draw women of all walks, all ages, and every athleticism. We don't discriminate and that's how our mud run is set up. We want to inspire, celebrate and most importantly we want it to be fun!"

Started in 2012 by two businessmen who were inspired by their wives, Pretty Muddy drew more than 8,000 women mud runners to its events across the country. This year, Pretty Muddy plays host to events in seven states including California, Dallas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Ohio and Virginia continuing through December. Last year's inaugural Pretty Muddy event in Chicagoland attracted 2,000 participants. Organizers hope to entice larger crowds to the Orland Park event in September.

This year, Pretty Muddy is teaming up with the Susan G. Komen organization in support of life-saving breast cancer education, screening and treatment. Registrants who use the code KOMEN will receive $10 off their registration fee. In addition, Pretty Muddy is providing free registration to the first 250 breast cancer survivors to sign up for the event in their community. Women aged 14 and up are encouraged to participate and have fun. Registration for the Pretty Muddy women's mud run is $69.50.

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# Orland Park Warriors Take First Place

**The fourteen-year-old division of the Orland Park Warriors baseball team took first place at the Wisconsin Dells Summer Slugfest, 14u division on July 14, 2013. Fourteen Illinois and Wisconsin teams battled for the championship throughout the July 12-14 weekend. Although seeded in eighth place going into the final day, the Orland Park Warriors won three games in a row, beating the first, second, and fourth seeded teams. Coach Tom Vetter said, "I told the guys that they had it in them to win this tournament, that they had the talent. It was a fantastic way to end our season." Most of the players have played as teammates for the past several years. The majority of the team is headed to high school at Carl Sandburg, Marist, St. Rita and Brother Rice high schools.**

**Orland Park Warriors players are David Drabeck, Tim Dobrik, Matt Finn, Jake Hutchinson, Camden Landers, Patrick Larkin, Zach Poe, Brad Vetter, and Mark Weimar, all of Orland Park; Jake Larson of Oak Lawn; and Sullivan Stickann of Highland, Indiana. Orland Park Warriors coaches are Tom Vetter, Mike Poe, Jim Hutchinson, and Ron Drabeck.**

**Pictured left to right: (top row) Coach Tom Vetter, Jake Larson, Coach Mike Poe, Matt Finn, Patrick Larkin, Tim Dobrik, Mark Weimar, Coach Ron Drabek, Coach Jim Hutchinson; (bottom row) Brad Vetter, David Drabek, Jake Hutchinson, Zach Poe, Camden Landers, and Sullivan Stickann.**

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# Back To School Health Fair

Numerous medical facilities and government agencies will join District 218 on Friday, August 9 in hosting a Back to School Health Fair at Richards High School in Oak Lawn.

The event, which will run from noon to 4 p.m., will feature a limited number of free school physicals, free dental exams, and free vision screens. Richards is located at 10601 S. Central Ave.

Other services include reduced cost school physicals for $40, immunizations for $10, and comprehensive eye exams for $40. Parents must accompany their children in order for them to receive health care services.

The event also includes free vision screenings and free health screens for blood pressure, bone density, body glucose, and others. MetroSouth Medical Center, Advocate Christ Medical Center, Complete Vision Care, Mt. Greenwood Eye Care, the St. Xavier University health center, Orland Park Dental, and Smile Illinois, are among the many health care facilities providing services.

The fair includes free food, drinks and free school supplies. For young children, the fair will feature free games, a bounce house, a clown, and face painting.

District 218 will provide free bus service to and from the fair. The bus stops, listed with pick-up and drop-off times, include: Route 1 - Calumet Park Village Hall, (11:10, 3:10), St. Donatus Church Blue Island, (11:15, 3:05), Revere Primary School Blue Island (11:20, 2:55), Hale Primary School Crestwood (11:35, 2:45).

Also, Route 2 - Lincoln School Blue Island, (11:10, 2:45), Keller Middle School Robbins (11:15, 2:50), Delta Learning Center Robbins (11:20, 3:00), Turner School Robbins (11:25, 3:05).

Route 3: Kerr Middle School Blue Island (11:10, 3:05), Memorial Park Blue Island (11:15, 3:00), Hazelgreen School Alsip (11:25, 2:50), Prairie Junior High Alsip (11:30, 2:45).


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# *It's Never Too Early To Think College*

**Before their first day of ninth grade, incoming freshmen in District 218 toured the campus of Moraine Valley Community College to consider the other side of high school.**

**Many had never visited a college before. For many, the campus visit prompted thought about the future: As they waited to board the buses back to their high schools, the conversation about college continued.**

**"They all did seem really interested in the career programs that MVCC offers," said Mike Jacobson, the District 218 curriculum director for English and an administrator of Early Start.**

**A summer bridge program that boosts English, math, and science skills, Early Start primes freshmen for ninth grade. At MVCC, they learned about earning college credit in high school, degree and certificate programs, and the myriad opportunities that accompany higher education.**

**MVCC admissions recruiter Joe Remiasz and student ambassadors Jen Hernandez and Zac Walkover showcased the campus. They discussed setting goals, researching college and career options, and how education affects income.**

**In his PowerPoint presentation, Remiasz showed a graphic with educational and career-related time frames.**

**High school seniors often face indecision when choosing a college major. Even after declaring a major, more than half of college students change their course of study, according to www.mymajors.com.**

**So getting kids to start thinking about college early helps them discover available programs and refine career interests.**

**During the campus tour, freshmen learned extensively about dual credit courses. Available in high school, these classes in accounting, information technology, culinary arts, and many other areas allow students to earn college credit.**

**Enrollment in such classes has grown each of the last five years in District 218.**

**"We want the kids to start taking the classes they will need in order to achieve dual credit. I do think that we need to get these kids thinking about application of what they do with us as early as possible," Jacobson said.**

**District 218 freshmen Rosalinda Esparza (left) and Julissa Alvarez listen to admissions recruiter Joe Remiasz discuss academic majors and campus life at Moraine Valley Community College.**

# Online And Internet Hybrid Learning

Struggle to get to campus, and want to learn from home? Then Moraine Valley Community College's online and Internet hybrid courses may be the answer. More than 270 classes are offered during the 2013 fall semester.

Online classes are taught primarily over the Internet, while Internet hybrid courses are taught through a combination of classroom and Web-based instruction. Both types allow for students to attend all or part of their class via the Internet with the ability to access the instructor, classmates and course materials. Access to a Web-equipped computer is required.

Some of the online and Web-assisted classes this spring include Arabic, General Sociology, World Religions, Music Appreciation, Beginning Algebra, Western Civilization I and II, Medical Terminology, Composition I and II, and General Biology, among others.

A complete list of credit and noncredit classes can be found in the fall 2013 class schedule or online at morainevalley.edu. Registration is ongoing. Tuition is $109 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students who have applied to the college can register in the Registration Office, located on campus in the Student Services Center (Building S), 9000 W. College Pkwy., in Palos Hills, by phone at (708) 974-2110 (TTY for the hearing impaired 708-974-0556), or online at moraineviley.edu.

# Joe Bartkowiak Memorial Golf Outing And Fundraiser

The 4th Annual Joe Bartkowiak Memorial Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, Aug. 25. The day begins with golf at The Meadows Golf Course in Blue Island with a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. Doors open at 4 p.m. for the banquet which will be held at Our Lady of Loretto parish hall, 10925 S. Kostner in Hometown. Golfers and non-golfers alike are invited to attend the banquet. The theme of the day is the tropics. Hawaiian shirts and tropical attire are welcome for those who wish to dress in the style that Joe Bartkowiak loved. There will be door prizes, a silent auction, a variety of raffles, great food and more surprises as part of the day. The cost is $90 per person which includes golf and the banquet. The cost for golf only is $60 and the cost to attend the banquet is $25 (cash bar). To reserve a spot call Rick at (708) 422-0217 or Mike at (708) 423-4206.

This fundraiser is sponsored by Our Lady of Loretto Men's Club of which Joe Bartkowiak was a founding member. Joe died in October 2009 in a work-related accident. The goals of the fundraiser are to honor the memory of a man who was passionate about golf, music, family and friendship. An endowment has been established from which the Joe Bartkowiak Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to Illinois high school graduates who endeavor to continue their music education at the University of Illinois School of Music in Urbana-Champaign. Joe studied music at UIUC during his college years. The first winner of the scholarship was named in Spring 2013.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be donated to continue the Joe Bartkowiak Memorial Scholarship at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign School of Music and to Our Lady of Loretto Parish. For more information about the Joe Bartkowiak Memorial Fund Raiser contact Mike Hibberd at (708) 425-4619.


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## OAK LAWN POLICE CALLS

On July 15, Brian Austin of Tinley Park was arrested for driving on a suspended license, speeding and other traffic violations after an accident at 103rd and Cicero.

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On July 15, a car was burglarized. It was reported that a purse containing $250 cash, IDs, debit cards, jewelry and other items were taken off the front seat of a car that was left unattended and the windows left opened in the 9600 block of S. 50th Court.

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On July 15, an apartment in the 10300 block of South Mansfield was burglarized. It was stated that entry may have been gained through an unlocked patio door. It was reported that a watch and $100 was taken, but a computer and TV were left behind.

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On July 15, Korey Williams of Chicago was issued a village ordinance violation for theft after he was seen on a security camera apparently taking $40 out of a cash drawer at K-Mart, where he worked. After questioning, Williams admitted taking $200 from other cash registers on two other occasions, but these instances were not recorded. He was banned from ever entering the store again.

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On July 16, Richard C. Lowe of Chicago was arrested for driving on a revoked license, speeding, no insurance, an expired registration and improper use of a registration after a traffic stop at 107th and Central.

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On July 17, a Chicago Ridge youth had a cell phone taken. He had placed the unused cell phone for sale on Craigslist for $400. He was met by another man posing as a buyer at 111th and Cicero. A vehicle with a male passenger parked as well. The passenger came to inspect the phone. The victim was distracted by a call on his other phone, the offender took the cell phone and sped away.

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On July 18, Ricardo Ellis of Riverdale was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with an expired license and speeding after a traffic stop in the 9000 block of South Cicero.

## An Inside Look At Protecting Your Family

(NAPSA) - Staying safe at home can be simpler for you and your family if you heed a few hints from personal security expert Robert Siciliano, CEO of ID Theft Security, and private investigator Robin Martinelli, of Martinelli Investigations Inc.

**What to Put in Place**

An alarm system can run the gamut from basic noisemakers to complex notification programs, many with sophisticated options and service packages.

Lighting is important for discouraging crime. "Install huge floodlights all around your house," says Martinelli. "They deter anyone."

Indoor and outdoor cameras are helpful but are more for gathering evidence. "If you get video of the crime, share it with the police. Hopefully, the evidence will help catch the thieves," says Martinelli.

"Thanks to smartphone and tablet technology, many cable companies are offering home security products that can be remotely programmed and operated," says David Gregg, Executive Director, Consumer Product Newsgroup. "From checking on a new puppy to programming your heat and lights, it's never been so easy to keep an eye on things at home." Such services can even be included in your cable communications and entertainment package.

Install peepholes and talk through the door when you don't recognize someone.

Remember, all locks are not made equal. Call a qualified locksmith, one associated with a well-known lock manufacturer, to take a physical security survey of your home and grounds.

Signs are great deterrents. "Post 'Beware of Dog' signs, even if you don't have a dog, and put up security signs and stickers," says Martinelli.

**Taking Extra Precautions**

Before you buy a home, check out the neighborhood. "Pull the police records for your neighborhood for the last two years," says Martinelli.

Martinelli also recommends documenting all your property. "Video record or photograph everything in your home, noting the serial numbers of items, and store the tape or chip in a safe-deposit box at the bank."

Leave a light on around the house. "It's one of the best precautions you can take," says Martinelli. "Leave on lights, televisions and music. People will assume you are home." Use timers to rotate which lights are lit, varying the rooms and time of night the lights are on.

**Staying Safe When Moving**

Moving to a new residence can be a vulnerable time. Those packing boxes on the curb from a new flat-screen TV, sound system or small appliances are a tip-off that you may have some attractive, expensive items. Break the boxes down and take them to a recycling center.

You'll also feel safer if your Internet, TV and phone services are set up, along with your utilities, from day one. It's easy to do in advance of your move at www.CableMover.com, where you can learn more about cable home security options.

# Newly Installed Officers

**On June 27, the newly elected officers of the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Council of the Knights of Columbus, led by new Grand Knight Thomas W. Morrissey, were installed at a ceremony in Evergreen Park by District Deputy David Wolken and District Warden Claude Zaba.**

**Prior to the ceremony, the Council presented a $3,000 grant to the COURAGE PROGRAM Director Sister Nancy Swanson. The COURAGE PROGRAM, based at St Germaine Parish in Oak Lawn, is a volunteer organization built on compassion and Christian values, advocating for pregnant young women and their families. Anyone interested can go to their website www.couragepregram.org.**

**Pictured are: (kneeling) District Deputy David Wolken, District Warden Claude Zaba, Grand Knight Thomas W. Morrissey; (2nd row) Treasurer Robert B Murphy, Recorder Anton Iberle, Financial Secretary Richard Fox; (3rd row) Trustee Joseph Muraida, Guard Thomas Ostrowski, and Trustee James Tierney.**


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION [illegible] NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 26, 2013 an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on September 3, 2013 at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606 sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] Property Index No. [illegible]

The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

This sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file number 14-12-10374. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Attorney File No. 14-12-10374. Attorney ARDC No. 00468002. Attorney Code. 21762. Case Number: 12 CH 03276. TJSC#: 33-10008. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1540[illegible]

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file number 14-12-10374. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Attorney File No. 14-12-10374. Attorney ARDC No. 00468002. Attorney Code. 21762. Case Number: 12 CH 03276. TJSC#: 33-10008. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1540[illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION [illegible] NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 18, 2013 an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on August 26, 2013 at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606 sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] Property Index No. [illegible]

The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

This sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file number 14-12-10374. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Attorney File No. 14-12-10374. Attorney ARDC No. 00468002. Attorney Code. 21762. Case Number: 12 CH 03276. TJSC#: 33-10008. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1540[illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, v. [illegible] NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 30, 2013 an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on September 3, 2013 at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606 sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] Property Index No. [illegible]

The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

This sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file number 14-12-10374. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Attorney File No. 14-12-10374. Attorney ARDC No. 00468002. Attorney Code. 21762. Case Number: 12 CH 03276. TJSC#: 33-10008. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1540[illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION [illegible] NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 4, 2013 an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on September 3, 2013 at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606 sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] Property Index No. [illegible]

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

This sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number 99-3122. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. 99-3122. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 12 CH 21045. TJSC#: 33-10010. 1540[illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, v. [illegible] NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 16, 2012 an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on August 19, 2013 at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606 sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] Property Index No. [illegible]

The real estate is improved with a two story single family home with a one car attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

This sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number 99-3122. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. 99-3122. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 12 CH 21045. TJSC#: 33-10010. 1540[illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, v. DANIEL A. BLEKER; SAND PIPER SOUTH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION NO. 2; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR INTEGRITY HOME MORTGAGE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 12 CH 30993 [illegible] LAHAMME AVENUE APT 1F, OAK LAWN, IL 60453 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 30, 2013 an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on September 3, 2013 at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606 sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] LAHAMME AVENUE, APT 1F, OAK LAWN, IL 60453 Property Index No. [illegible]

The real estate is improved with a townhouse condominium with no garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

This sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number 99-3122. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. 99-3122. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 12 CH 30993. TJSC#: 33-10007. 1540[illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff, v. ANTONIO CAMPOS; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FSB; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 11 CH 17756

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause, I, [illegible] will intercounty judicial sales corporation sell at Friday, August 30, 2013 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property: [illegible] Commonly known as 2156 SOUTH MAYFIELD AVENUE, BERWYN, IL 60402

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit in a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full, the successful bidder will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at intercounty.com. Between 3 pm and 5 pm only, Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 363-7[illegible]. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122. 1540[illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION NATIONAL CITY BANK, SUCCESSION BY MERGER TO VALIANT PALA BANK, FSB, Plaintiff, vs. WAIL AL SAWAD; ROUSSLAWIA SAWAD; ROUSAIN LA SAWAD; JULIAN SAWAD; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, 09 CH 17756

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, v. [illegible] NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 5, 2013 an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on September 3, 2013 at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606 sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] Property Index No. [illegible]

The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The reserve including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file number 14-11-20887. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Attorney File No. 14-11-20887. Attorney ARDC No. 00468002. Attorney Code. 21762. Case Number: 12 CH 08109. TJSC#: 33-10008. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1547[illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, v. [illegible] NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 10, 2013 an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on September 3, 2013 at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606 sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2711 W. 90TH STREET, EVERGREEN PARK, IL 60805 Property Index No. 24-01-216-011

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD., 39 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1105, CHICAGO, IL 60603 (312) 372-2020. Please refer to file number 14-2222-2002. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD., 39 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1105, CHICAGO, IL 60603 (312) 372-2020. Attorney File No. 14-2222-2002. Attorney Code. 46452. Case Number: 12 CH 31656. TJSC#: 33-10070. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1546[illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff v MAL [illegible] ASSOCIATION [illegible] AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 12 CH [illegible] NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 4, 2013 an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on September 3, 2013 at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606 sell at public auction to the highest bidder as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] NORTHWEST HIGHWAY UNIT A1 WORTH, IL 60482 Property Index No. [illegible]

The real estate is improved with a one unit brick condominium building. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagor acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. This subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

This sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. This property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit and is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file # 14-11-02894. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. Visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-11-02894 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 11 CH 00847 TJSC# 33-13719 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1543475

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, v. CONSTANCE H. ARMIO A/K/A CONSTANCE H. MAHONEY, SALVATORE ARMIO, THE PRIVATE BANK & TRUST COMPANY Defendants 13 CH 20598 14802 BEVERLY LN OAK FOREST, IL 60452 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 13, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 4, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One S Wacker Dr, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14802 BEVERLY CT, OAK FOREST, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-09-401-018.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagor acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. This subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

This sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. This property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION DEWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff, vs. RON SLATTERY, RAYMOND MAYNARD, ARLENE MORRIS, RANDY MAYNARD, REGGIE MAYNARD, DONNA BOONE, UNKNOWN HEIRS, AND LEGATEES OF ELEANOR MAYNARD IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANT, WILLIAM BUTCHER, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE Defendants, 10 CH 16351 PUBLIC NOTICE

is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 23, 2013, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, August 27, 2013, at 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property: P.I.N. 24-04-108-031-0000. Commonly known as 5211 WEST ALEXANDER PLACE, OAK LAWN, IL 60453.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit sales.tjsc.com between 3 p.m. & 5 p.m. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 Tel No. (312) 476-5500 Refer to File Number 2934774 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer (312) 444-1122 1546530

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION FIRST MIDWEST BANK AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO PALOS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff, vs. GERRY J. MORIGAN, STELLA MORIGAN, UNKNOWN OWNERS, NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN TENANTS AND OCCUPANTS Defendants, 11 CH 686

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 2, 2013, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on August 27, 2013, at 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 4253 South Harper, Chicago, IL 60609 P.I.N. 20-01-427-026-0000.

The mortgaged real estate is a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit sales.tjsc.com between 3 p.m. & 5 p.m. Stephen G. Daley at Plaintiff's Attorney, Ryan, Daley, Arabia & O'Donoghue, LLC, 2550 W. Golf Rd., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008, (847) 590-8700. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer (312) 444-1122 1546700

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK N.A. Plaintiff, vs. JESSICA SKALA A/K/A JESSICA L. SKALA, SHAWN SKALA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 12 CH 20687

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on Feb. 11, 2013, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on August 28, 2013, at 11 a.m. in their office at 120 W. Madison St., Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-24-308-012-0000. Commonly known as 1129 WEST WHIPPLE DRIVE, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60004.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.ally.com/pierce.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Refer to File Number 21-1668. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer (312) 444-1122 1546489

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-BNC1 Plaintiff, vs. JOHN R. RUIZ, JANE S. RUIZ, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 12 CH 27266

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on Nov. 9, 2012, intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, August 27, 2013, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 19-30-305-010-0000, 19-30-305-011-0000, and 19-30-305-012-0000. Known as 7838-40 Newland Ave., Burbank, IL 60459

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, Attorney # 42168, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Bannockburn, Illinois 60015, (847) 498-1680 between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. 1542292

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION AMERICAN CHASE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, v. DON AND J. WATSON, PHYLLIS M. WATSON, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Defendants 12 CH 21668 4122 W. 60TH PLACE, BURBANK, IL 60459 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 29, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on September 3, 2013, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One S. Wacker Dr., 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Known as 4122 W. 60TH PLACE, BURBANK, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-14-307-014.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. This subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

This sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 908 of the Housing Act of 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1708), and subsection (b) of section 1720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. This property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit and is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file # 14-11-02894. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. Visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-11-02894 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 11 CH 01489 TJSC# 33-13719 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1543475

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION METLIFE HOME LOANS, A DIVISION OF METLIFE BANK N.A. Plaintiff, v. PHILLIP M. BRAYFIELD, VICTORIA A. BRAYFIELD, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 11 CH 29128 Property Address: 7708 LAWLER AVENUE, BURBANK, IL 60459 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 11 09408. It is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 10, 2013, Aldus Realty Services, Inc. as Selling Officer will at 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 3, 2013, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property. Commonly known as 7708 Lawler Avenue, Burbank, IL 60459. Permanent Index No. 19-28-410-008.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $178,327.97. Sale terms: for non-parties, 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks, and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied, and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information and to view auction rules at www.aldusinc.com.

For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher & Shapiro, Attorney # 42168, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Bannockburn, Illinois 60015, (847) 498-1680 between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. 1542408

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK N.A. Plaintiff, vs. JESSICA SKALA A/K/A JESSICA L. SKALA, SHAWN SKALA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 12 CH 20687

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION [illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR [illegible] Plaintiff, v. [illegible] Defendants 12 CH [illegible] 1 SOUTH [illegible] AVENUE [illegible] PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 4, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 27, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] Property Index No. [illegible] The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $[illegible] Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file number 14-12-12219. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-5300. Attorney File No. 14-12-12219. Attorney ARDC No. 00468001. Attorney Code. 21762. Case Number: 12 CH 03476. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1047277

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, v. [illegible] Defendants 12 CH [illegible] 1 SOUTH [illegible] AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60652 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 6, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 9, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] Property Index No. [illegible] The real estate is improved with a single family home with a detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: visit our website at service.pierlelaw.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1208020. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA1208020. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 12 CH 03476. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1047279

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR [illegible] Plaintiff, v. [illegible] Defendants 12 CH [illegible] 1 SOUTH [illegible] AVENUE [illegible] PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 4, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 9, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] Property Index No. [illegible] The real estate is improved with a single family home with a detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: visit our website at service.pierlelaw.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1208020. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA1208020. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 12 CH 03476. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1047279

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR [illegible] Plaintiff, v. [illegible] Defendants 12 CH [illegible] 1 SOUTH [illegible] AVENUE [illegible] PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 10, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 9, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] SOUTH [illegible] AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60652. Property Index No. [illegible] The real estate is improved with a single family home with a detached two car garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: visit our website at service.pierlelaw.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1208020. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA1208020. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 12 CH 03476. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1047279

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, v. [illegible] Defendants 12 CH [illegible] 1 SOUTH [illegible] AVENUE [illegible] PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 28, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 10, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] 4TH STREET, UNIT 3E, OAK LAWN, IL 60453. Property Index No. [illegible] The real estate is improved with a three unit brick multiple unit building, no garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: visit our website at service.pierlelaw.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1208571. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA1208571. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 11 CH 5897. TJSC# 33-15486. 1050277

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, v. LAURA P. MARTINEZ AKA LAURA MARTINEZ, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. THE 4012 WEST 105TH STREET CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 11 CH 5897 4012 WEST 105TH STREET, UNIT 2E, OAK LAWN, IL 60453 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 23, 2012, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 20, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4012 WEST 105TH STREET, UNIT 2E, OAK LAWN, IL 60453. Property Index No. 24-15-204-114-1004. The real estate is improved with a 1 story multi unit building with an attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: visit our website at service.pierlelaw.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1208571. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA1208571. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 11 CH 5897. TJSC# 33-15486. 1050277

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR [illegible] Plaintiff, v. MOHAMMED A. NASEER, [illegible] CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants 12 CH [illegible] 10422 S. MANSFIELD AVENUE, UNIT 101, OAK LAWN, IL 60453 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 6, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 9, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10422 S. MANSFIELD AVENUE, UNIT 101, OAK LAWN, IL 60453. Property Index No. 24-17-216-013-1003. Property Index No. 24-17-216-010 underlying. The real estate is improved with a condominium. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: visit our website at service.pierlelaw.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1208571. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA1208571. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 12 CH 40103. TJSC# 33-1800. 1049271

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC. Plaintiff, v. [illegible] Defendants 12 CH 40103 10940 SOUTH MONTICELLO AVENUE ROBBINS, IL 60472 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 6, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 9, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10940 SOUTH MONTICELLO AVENUE, ROBBINS, IL 60472. Property Index No. 28-02-120-041-0000. The real estate is improved with a gray asphalt siding two story single family home with no garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: visit our website at service.pierlelaw.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1208571. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA1208571. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 12 CH 40103. TJSC# 33-1800. 1049271

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION EVERBANK Plaintiff, v. [illegible] Defendants 11 CH [illegible] 7915 SOUTH MAPLEWOOD AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60652 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 11, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 12, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7915 SOUTH MAPLEWOOD AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60652. Property Index No. 19-36-208-011-0000. The real estate is improved with a two story single family home with a two car detached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: visit our website at service.pierlelaw.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1225984. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA1225984. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 11 CH 10613. TJSC# 33-14201. 1049440

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, v. ROBERT HARRIS, FIRST AMERICAN BANK Defendants 11 CH 30513 7916 SOUTH MAPLEWOOD AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60652 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 11, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 12, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7916 SOUTH MAPLEWOOD AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60652. Property Index No. 19-36-208-011-0000. The real estate is improved with a two story single family home with a two car detached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: visit our website at service.pierlelaw.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1225984. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn, Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA1225984. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 11 CH 30513. TJSC# 33-14201. 1049440

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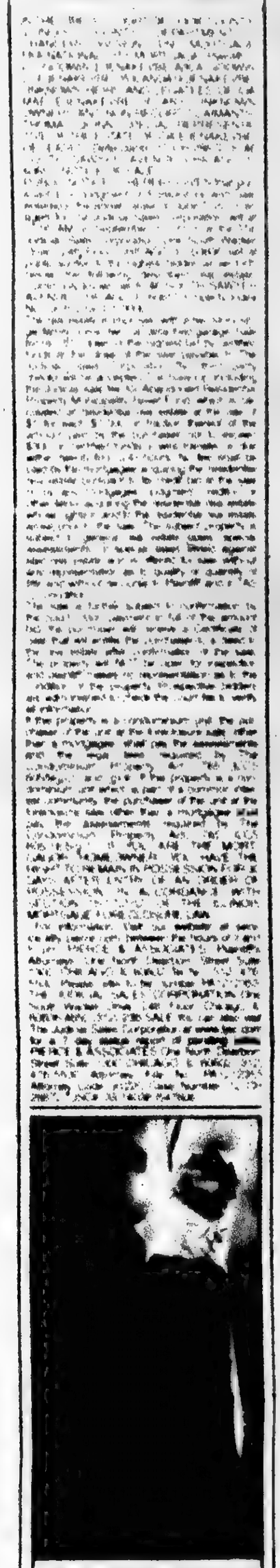
### Houses For Sale



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# 5K Run/Walk On The Airfield Of Midway Airport

Runners of all levels are invited to be a part of history as the first ever 5K race will be held on the airfield of Chicago's Midway International Airport on Sunday, Sept. 15. The Midway Fly Away 5K will benefit Special Olympics Chicago.

This inaugural event will offer athletes the opportunity to run or walk 3.1 miles directly on the airfield of Midway Airport, complete with jumbo jets and airplanes taking off and landing overhead throughout the race. The race will begin and end at the Southwest Airlines Hangar.

Registration is now open through Sept. 10 at noon, by visiting www.sochicago.org. At that website, participants can create a personal fundraising page where supporters can make tax deductible donations. The first 1,000 people registered will receive a commemorative Midway Fly Away 5K Run Walk t-shirt. All those who raise more than $250 will automatically be entered to win two round-trip airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States that Southwest Airlines flies – with no restrictions or blackout dates. Prizes will also be awarded to the top male and female participants.

"This race will not only be thrilling for any athlete to take part in, but also historic, as it is the first race of its kind at Midway Airport," said James "Skinny" Sheahan, race coordinator for the Midway Fly Away 5K. "And, what better cause could any runner race for than the athletes of Special Olympics Chicago. The monies raised from this event will help to support the programs and activities that thousands of Special Olympics athletes enjoy each year."

"On behalf of Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Department of Aviation, we are proud to partner with Special Olympics Chicago and Southwest Airlines to host this exciting community event at the site of aviation's busiest square mile, Midway International Airport," said Chicago Department of Aviation Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino. "Participants will enjoy a truly unique and fun experience on Midway's active airfield, while also raising funds for a great cause."

Onsite registration will be available on race day beginning at 6 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. The race will begin promptly at 8 a.m. Participants should bring a photo ID and check-in at the Southwest Airlines Hangar, located at 5035 West 55th Street at Midway Airport. No backpacks/bags will be allowed on the course, however, there will be gear check available the day of the race. No "wheels", including strollers, bicycles, tricycles, rollerblades, inline skates, will be allowed on the airfield.

Free parking will be available for all participants in the Midway Airport Economy Parking lot, located at 5050 West 55th Street.

Special Olympics, which is celebrating its 45th year, began in 1968 at Chicago's Soldier Field. Since that time, Special Olympics has encompassed the globe with over four million athletes from 170 countries competing.

The Midway Fly Away 5K is presented by Southwest Airlines, the city of Chicago, and the Department of Aviation.

# Last Chance To Adopt A Duck

As Special Olympics Illinois celebrates its 45th Anniversary this month, they want to encourage fans to adopt a duck for $5 to support its program-growth plans. It's the 8th Annual Windy City Rubber Ducky Derby to benefit Special Olympics Illinois. More than 50,000 little rubber ducks will splash into the Chicago River on August 8 off the Columbus Drive Bridge and race toward Michigan Avenue.

There are still several thousand ducks waiting to be adopted. People can visit www.duckrace.com/chicago to adopt a duck for $5 or a Quack Pack of 6 for $25. They can also call (630) 942-5610. On race day, August 8, there will be a Family Festival starting at 10 a.m. at 400 N. Michigan Avenue (Wrigley Building) with the splashdown at 1 p.m.

First Prize is a Chevy Malibu LT. Other prizes include an Apple Vacation to Mexico, a NASCAR package from Chicagoland Speedway and a 1-year membership to Foundation Room at House of Blues.

# Toastmaster Club Meets

The Center Toastmasters Club meets on the first and [illegible] Wednesdays each month at [illegible] p.m. at 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

[illegible] International is an organization for people [illegible] improving and practicing their public speaking skills. Members take turns leading the meetings and [illegible] gaining confidence from the encouragement [illegible]

[illegible] others and guests are always welcome. For further information, call Dave Sanders at [illegible] or Lou Janet at the [illegible] to learn more.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK

STATEMENT OF FUNDS FOR PUBLICATIONS
SECKNEY PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT
TREASURER OF PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT BY KENNETH L. POLIVKA TREASURER OF THE SECKNEY PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID, OF THE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED BY HIM DURING THE FISCAL YEAR JUST CLOSED, ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH 2013 SHOWING THE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC FUNDS ON HAND AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF SAID FISCAL YEAR, THE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC FUNDS EXPENDED AND FOR WHAT PURPOSES EXPENDED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING AS AFORESAID.

THE SAID KENNETH L. POLIVKA BEING DULY SWORN, DOTH DEPOSE AND SAY, THAT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY HIM SUBSCRIBED IS A CORRECT STATEMENT OF THE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC FUNDS ON HAND AT COMMENCEMENT OF THE FISCAL YEAR ABOVE STATED, THE AMOUNT EXPENDED AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH EXPENDED, AS SET FORTH IN SAID STATEMENT.

s/s Kenneth L. Polivka
KENNETH L. POLIVKA TREASURER

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
THIS 29 DAY OF July, 2013
s/s Dawn M. Roach
NOTARY PUBLIC

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES AND BALANCE ON HAND

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| BEGINNING BALANCE – APRIL 1, 2012 | | $ 4,868,144.00 |
| CASH RECEIPTS | | |
| REAL ESTATE TAXES – GENERAL | $ 1,759,063.19 | |
| PROPERTY REPLACEMENT TAX | $ 257,949.31 | |
| INTEREST INCOME – GENERAL | $ 2,513.03 | |
| PHARMACEUTICAL SALES | $ 15,867.00 | |
| MEDICARE RECEIPTS | $ 56,864.60 | |
| HOMEMAKER GRANT – TITLE XX | $ 267,226.59 | |
| TITLE III B GRANT | $ 3,185.52 | |
| CHORE DONATIONS | $ 2,175.00 | |
| BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GRANT – NON MEDICAID | $ 6,681.19 | |
| BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PSYCHIATRY SERVICES | $ 63,814.00 | |
| BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FEES | $ 7,704.65 | |
| SCHOOL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES | $ 9,024.96 | |
| MEDICAID | $ 59,899.08 | |
| INSPECTION FEES – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH | $ 10,745.50 | |
| LICENSE FEES – ENVIRONMENT HEALTH | $ 41,675.00 | |
| REIMBURSEMENT SEASONAL WORKERS | $ 60,000.00 | |
| TANNING FACILITY GRANT | $ 400.00 | |
| MOSQUITO ABATEMENT | $ 8,861.25 | |
| ALL KIDS | $ 1,150.00 | |
| WIC GRANT | $ 102,724.00 | |
| VISION & HEARING GRANT | $ 1,853.00 | |
| LOCAL HEALTH PROTECTION GRANT | $ 63,201.00 | |
| PHEP GRANT (BIOTERRORISM GRANT) | $ 40,676.67 | |
| CRI GRANT | $ 18,940.91 | |
| RISK BASED FUNDING INITIATIVE | $ 1,453.14 | |
| LEAD POISONING PREVENTION | $ 3,403.00 | |
| MEDICAL RECORDS | $ 725.00 | |
| IPRI GRANT | $ 4,100.00 | |
| TORT INTEREST | $ 27,275.21 | |
| TORT TRANSFER | $ 156,455.25 | |
| MISCELLANEOUS | $ 2,692.26 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | $ 3,048,314.36 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS & OPENING BALANCE | | $ 7,916,458.36 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | |
| GROSS COMPENSATION (SEE LIST) | $ 2,518,996.44 | |
| DISBURSEMENTS – VENDORS | $ 1,183,743.09 | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | | $ 3,702,739.53 |
| ENDING BALANCE – MARCH 31, 2013 | | $ 4,213,718.83 |
| CASH ON HAND 3/31/13 | $ 183,257.70 | |
| TORT | $ 1,560,976.72 | |
| INVESTMENTS | $ 2,469,484.41 | |
| | | $ 4,213,718.83 |

DISBURSEMENTS GROSS COMPENSATION

(UNDER $25,000) B. COOMBE, M. ALCANTAR, S. O'NEILL, J. KOHLER, B. KING, L. JOHNSON, M. RODGERS, L. MINASOLA, E. CENARIO, M. HABIB, T. TRAN, K. POLIVKA, J. KUBIK, M. HUNT, K. OBER, M. GORES, R. DODDA, L. MINASOLA, J. WILLIAMS, J. CHRISHOLM, L. WODJESKI, B. BOARDMAN, L. GALVAN, A. DELGADO, W. MONCHOUS, D. ACANDA, S. GUARRINO, T. ZEVALA, J. KARPEK, S. WEIGAND, G. WEISS, R. ROSS, A. ZINN, J. POPP, A. SHALABIE, L. ACOSTA, J. MONCLEY, K. KOLIMA, K. KURSAL, M. CAMBIE, A. CRLAGICH, L. VIVERITO, J. MARCHESE, B. JARZABEK, P. PASLAWSKI ($25,000-$49,999) H. MUBRAGH, A. DUDEK, P. GUZMAN, M. SCHULTZ, J. SCHULTZ, S. SORIANO, J. JANISZEWSKI, A. SPARALINO, S. PALLICH, G. PYLE, M. VIZGIRDA, S. PLACZKOWSKI, J. ASBATINI, L. VISTE, T. SULLIVAN ($50,000-$74,999) L. WARSZALEK, D. COAKLEY, M. SENCHE, D. DAVIS, M. WEAVER, P. KUBIKAUSKAS, S. SHINKUS, J. LAMANTIA, L. ROSALES, V. CAINKAR, L. GRUNOW, M. KUMAR, K. GOLA, M. MACHNIK, M. KARCHER, S. FOY ($75,000-$99,999) M. ANTOSKIEWICZ ($100,000-$124,999) A. MARCHESE (OVER $125,000) C. BARNES, J. STRUCOVICH

TOTAL GROSS COMPENSATION $2,518,996.44

EMPLOYEE PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS

VISION SERVICE PLAN [illegible] NOPERS [illegible] AFLAC [illegible] METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY [illegible] MUTUAL SOME [illegible] ARCHER HEIGHTS CREDIT UNION [illegible] BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS [illegible] IMRF [illegible] ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE [illegible] INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE [illegible]

DISBURSEMENTS VENDORS

MONEY OFFICE [illegible] AQUAMILL/KUSE PHARMACEUTICALS [illegible] PACIFIC INTERPRETERS [illegible] ILLINOIS COMPANION [illegible] MICHAEL CHARLES [illegible] HORIZON OFFICE [illegible] ILLINOIS [illegible] MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL [illegible] VISION SERVICE PLAN [illegible] CHRISTOPHER GRUNOW [illegible] PSS WORLD MEDICAL [illegible] PATCHEN [illegible] AMBUS [illegible] PITNEY BOWES [illegible] SANDY PASTER [illegible] CRIMSON PRINT WERKS [illegible] HR INTERPRISES INC [illegible] CARE INTERNATIONAL [illegible] POSTMASTER [illegible] UNIVAR USA INC [illegible] MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP [illegible] ATLAS [illegible] BUNCO [illegible] THOMAS J. MACK DPM [illegible] CLARK MOSQUITO [illegible] ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH [illegible] MELANIE DAVIS [illegible] ILLINOIS INSPECTION [illegible] ROSEPIE HOLDINGS LTD [illegible] CDW GOVERNMENT INC [illegible] LIFE SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTS [illegible] ILLINOIS PURE [illegible] CHICAGO SAVE A CLINICAL SERVICES INC [illegible] PADDOCK PUBLICATIONS [illegible] WORKS [illegible] ILLINOIS COALITION RISK MANAGEMENT [illegible] THOMSON REUTERS [illegible] BLUE CROSS BLUE [illegible] ILLINOIS [illegible] INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE [illegible] IMRF [illegible]

VENDORS UNDER [illegible]
TOTAL VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS [illegible]

# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Maxine H. DeGregorio**

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, with entombment at St Casimir Mausoleum, for Maxine H DeGregorio. She was a member of the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary Post 20 in Crown Point, IN

She is survived by her husband John, her children Pamela Behnke, John (Jennifer), and two grandchildren

**Estelle T. Dluski**

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Estelle T Dluski, 92 She was the wife of the late Roman.

She is survived by her children Carol (Rick) Minarik, Gloria (Dan) Feeley, Rich and Laura Dluski and Christine (John) Dobersztyn, fourteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren

**Debra E. Faron**

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Benedict Cemetery for Debra E. Faron, 56, of Midlothian. She was a 40 year employee of Great Lakes Financial Bank.

She is survived by her husband Thomas J., her children Mark (Heather) and Michael, two grandchildren and her brothers Steve (Cheri) Spiewak, Tom (Laurie) Spiewak and Tim Spiewak and her sister Susan (Jeff) Cohen

**Sister M. Joanella Fayert, SSC**

A Mass of Resurrection was held on Saturday, at the St. Casimir Motherhouse Chapel, Chicago, with interment at St Casimir Cemetery for Sister M. Joanella Fayert, SSC, 88. She was a teacher, principal, general superior, Director of Mission and a member of the Sisters of St. Casimir for 68 years. She served as an elementary school teacher at Our Lady of Vilna School and Providence of God School in Chicago and was Director of Mission at Holy Cross Hospital and Congregational Leadership at the SSC Motherhouse in Chicago, including General Superior from 1978 until 1988. She also initiated the Cause for the Beatification of Venerable Mother Maria Kaupas.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

**Robert E. Haase, Jr.**

Mass was said at St Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Thursday, July 25, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Robert E Haase, Jr., 61, of Oak Forest

He is survived by his wife Katherine, his children Kevin (Jeni), Craig (Ericka), Leslie (Matt) and Amanda, six grandchildren and his mother Joan

**Marge Hayes**

A family memorial celebration and private interment was held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Marge Hayes, 69, a resident of Sandburg Village. She was a board member for the Chicago Chapter of SIM (Society for Information Management) and volunteer for IC Stars.

She is survived by her nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

**Raymond G. Kudlo**

Mass was said at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Frankfort, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, for Raymond G Kudlo, 85, of Tinley Park. He was a US Marine Veteran. He was the husband of the late Gloria Kudlo and the late Maxine Kudlo.

He is survived by his children Mellody (Larry) Klong, Kimberly Thomas, Kevin Kudlo and step-father of Tom (Denise) Michalski, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and his sister Leatris Reus.

**Henrietta J. Mueller**

Services were held at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Blue Island, on Wednesday, with interment at First Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, for Henrietta J. Mueller, 82, of Blue Island.

His survived by her husband Arnold, her children Kim (Rick) Aardema, Gary (Sandy), Terry (Jennifer), and Kerry Jo, six grandchildren and her sister Delorita Sumner.

**Terence W. Mulhall**

A memorial service was held at the Curley Funeral Home, Chicago Ridge, on Saturday with a private interment for Terence W Mulhall He was the husband of the late Geraldine R Mulhall

He is survived by his children Dave (Denise), Donnajean (John) Engstrom and Dan (Laura), thirteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and his brothers Don, Ken (Pat), Jim (Mary) and Pat Mulhall

**Bernadine V. Niziolek**

Mass was said at St. Germaine Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Chapel Hill Garden South Cemetery, for Bernadine V Niziolek, 73

She is survived by her husband John, her children Jeffrey (Cheryl), Cynthia (Bill), Corbett and Laura (Rob) Kosicki, five grandchildren, and her brother Eugene Raschke.

**Paula R. Nolan**

Mass was said at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Paula R Nolan, RN, 63. She was a veteran of the US Army serving as a Medical Corpsman.

She is survived by her husband Dennis E Nolan, Sr., her children Dennis E. Jr., and Katherine (Edward) McHugh and her brothers Robert S (Christine), James B (Robin) and John P. (Martha) Rumsey

**Henry Payne**

Services were held in Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Henry Payne, 82. He was the past founder and owner for 50 years of the HP Motor Service. He was the husband of the late Edna

He is survived by his daughter Patricia (Al.) Vallejo, eight grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, and his sister Ruth Bullion.

**Robert L. Rooney**

Mass will be said at St. Christopher Church, 147th and Keeler, Midlothian, on Thursday, August 1st, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Robert L Rooney of Midlothian. He was a Navy Veteran. He was the husband of the late Patricia.

He is survived his children Laura (Ken) Slouber, Donna Rooney and Andrea (Craig) Maksymiak, five grandchildren and his sisters Marguerite Forsythe and Rosemary Clarke

**Elvina L. Steele**

Services were held at the Chapel Hill Garden South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Garden South Cemetery, for Elvina L Steele, 92. She was the wife of the late Robert J.

She is survived by her sister in law Marion Grant and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews

Read... ALL POINTS To Keep You Informed ...See Page 4

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## Trio Of Traffic Safety Bills Signed Into Law

A trio of key traffic safety legislative initiatives proposed by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White was signed into law Aug. 5th by Governor Pat Quinn. The three new laws continue White's 14-year effort to make the roads of Illinois the safest ever.

House Bill 772, effective July 1, 2014, will require people ages 18-20 who skip driver education to complete a 6-hour driver training and education course before applying for a driver's license. Under current law, when a teen turns 18 – even without any driver education whatsoever – he or she may apply for and obtain a driver's license. In 2012, there were 11,979 driver's licenses issued to 18- to 20-year-olds. Of these, 16,494 did not take driver education.

The six-hour driver training course will include a variety of critical traffic safety components, including instruction on traffic laws, highway signs, signals and markings; issues commonly associated with motor vehicle accidents such as poor decision-making, risk-taking, impaired driving, distraction, speed, not wearing a safety belt, driving at night, failure to yield the right-of-way, texting while driving, using wireless communication devices; and alcohol and drug awareness.

House Bill 1009, named Kelsey's Law, takes effect Jan. 1, 2014 and will prohibit the issuance of a driver's license to a driver under 18 who has an unresolved traffic citation. This new law also allows White's office to cancel a GDL if it is determined that at the time of issuance the minor had an unresolved traffic citation. Under current law, a GDL applicant is not required to report any pending traffic citations. The law is named in honor of 15-year-old Kelsey Little, who in 2011 was seriously injured in an automobile crash by a young driver operating on a learner's permit. The driver was issued a traffic citation for the incident, of which the Secretary of State's office was unaware due to the lack of a reporting requirement. Three days later the teen driver applied for and was issued a driver's license.

House Bill 1010, named Patricia's Law, takes effect Jan. 1, 2014 and will crack down on the issuance of court supervision for drivers involved in fatal crashes. Named in honor of Patricia McNamara who was killed in an automobile crash in which the driver received court supervision, the law will ensure that drivers involved in fatal crashes are ineligible for court supervision unless they have maintained a clean driving history. Under current law, drivers involved in fatal crashes may seek and obtain court supervision.

"I applaud Governor Quinn for signing these important traffic safety bills into law," said White. "While these three laws will help make Illinois roads safer, I will continue working vigilantly to improve programs and strengthen laws aimed at reducing traffic fatalities and injuries. Illinois has become a national leader in traffic safety and, in order to maintain this distinction, we cannot rest on our laurels."

## "Roar And Run"

The Hickory Hills Lions Club will host the fourth annual "Roar and Run for Fun" 5k Run Walk race. The race will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26th at 9 a.m.

The start/finish line will be at Hickory Hills City Hall, 8652 W. 95th Street. Come join the Hickory Hills Lions for this fun and challenging course though the hills of Hickory.

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Proceeds from the race will help the Hickory Hills Lions Club in their mission to provide programs and assistance to aid people who are blind or visually impaired. The Hickory Hills Lions Club has served the needs of the community for over 50 years.

## *Dedication Of New Jonathan Collins Activity Center*

**U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) took part in the July 13 dedication of the new Jonathan Collins Activity Center at St. Gerald Parish in Oak Lawn. Years in the making, the center will be used for church events, youth programming and act as the first ever home court for parish sports teams. The building is named after the grandson of longtime parishioner Alice Collins, a Marine who was killed in 2004 at age 19 while serving in Iraq.**

**"The Collins Activity Center is going to make a wonderful addition to St. Gerald and the entire Oak Lawn community. I'm confident that everyone who uses the center will be impressed. I commend Father Lawrence Malcolm and all of St. Gerald for their vision and the hard work they put in to make this dream a reality. Naming the center after Cpl. Collins is a tremendous honor and a lasting tribute for someone who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country."**

## Outdoor Worship Service

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ in Oak Lawn invites the community to an outdoor worship service Sunday, August 11, on the shaded lawn behind the church. The service will begin at 9:30 a.m. with good music and messages for both kids and adults. Stick around after the service for grilled hot dogs or burgers and lawn games. Everyone is invited to dress casually and bring lawn chairs or blankets.

In case of rain the service and picnic will be held indoors.

The church is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. in Oak Lawn and all are welcome.

## *Spartan Relay For Life*

**Relay for Life Sponsor TJ Zuzga (left) recognizes Ronald Luce as the top fundraiser for the school's 2013 event. Ronald raised over $2,300 for the American Cancer Society. The purpose of Relay for Life is to raise funds to fight cancer and raise awareness of cancer prevention and treatment. Oak Lawn Community High School has hosted a relay for the past eleven years and the school has raised over $500,000 for the American Cancer Society.**

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST 12 Monday Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 13 Tuesday OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 13 Tuesday Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

AUGUST 13 Tuesday VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

AUGUST 14 Wednesday Farmers Market, Dumke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 am to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday except Sept 4th.)

AUGUST 14 Wednesday Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 15 Thursday Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

AUGUST 19 Monday Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 20 Tuesday Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 20 Tuesday OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, Lower Level Rotary Room, 7 p.m.

AUGUST 20 Tuesday Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 21 Wednesday Farmers Market, Dumke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 am to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday except Sept 4th.)

AUGUST 21 Wednesday Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room 119, 8 p.m.

AUGUST 22 Thursday OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

AUGUST 22 Thursday Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.


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# *VFW Auxiliary Members Attend 100th National Convention*

**Auxiliary members from the 16th District Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars attended the 100th National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, July 20th through July 24th. Along with the business sessions, a few highlights of the convention included the Gala Concert in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the National organization, the 45-Plus Luncheon for members who have been in the organization for 45 years or more, the National President's dinner where the Outstanding Department (state) President in each of the 11 membership groups was announced, and the Patriotic Rally.**

**Pictured left to right: Joanne Hughes, a past 16th District President and member of Markham VFW Auxiliary 9801; Lori Taylor, a past state president and member of Midlothian VFW Auxiliary 2500; Donna Simon, state Americanism Chairman and member of Markham VFW Auxiliary 9801; Mercie Woolfolk, state president of the VFW Auxiliary, Department of Illinois and past 19th District President; Marilyn Schultz, National Musician and member of VFW Auxiliary 8141 in Calumet City; Patricia McClure, state Historian and 16th District Junior Vice President, and a member of VFW Auxiliary 311 in Richton Park.**

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# Trafficking Resolution Passed By County Board

Commissioner Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman's Resolution, which urges legislation that would require cell phone providers to keep identification of all cell phone users on file, specifically for non-contract prepaid cell phones where no registration is required passed the Cook County Board by an 11-5 vote on Wednesday, July 31st.

"I'm very pleased by the passage of this Resolution. This should start a meaningful and productive dialogue between the cell phone provider industry, law enforcement and government to collaborate together to tackle this serious public safety issue. We can't allow these Human Traffickers to continue to operate undetected," said Commissioner Gorman.

One of the most valuable resources available to traffickers to continue to remain undetected while maintaining constant communication with victims of Human Trafficking, their associates, and potential customers is the use of no contract prepaid cell phones referred to on the street as "burners" or "drop phones". These specific phones are impossible to track because phone carriers do not require a contact, photo identification or a minimum age. Recent statistics have named Human Trafficking the second largest most profitable criminal enterprise among members of organized crime and street gangs.

Several speakers from a local security company, whose investigative unit specializes in missing person and human trafficking cases, testified in support of the resolution. They highlighted many instances where leads have gone dry because no identification is required by these cell phone users.

Also testifying was Alana Chapman, a mother of a missing teenage daughter who disappeared in early 2013, who told her own personal story of anguish with the disappearance of her daughter. Jennifer Greene from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office spoke on behalf of the Resolution added that law enforcement needs all the tools at their disposal to fight the Human Trafficking epidemic.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

Taxpayers should be watching with great interest the ongoing work of the special committee of the Illinois General Assembly wrestling with the tough, but essential issue of pension reform. While we are encouraged by early reports of the committee's work, it does not dent the frustration of millions of Illinoisans who believe the time for reform was long, long ago.

However, taxpayers should also be well aware that a large number of Illinois legislators have already stood up for them by supporting strong pension reform legislation. They have taken the tough vote to restore economic sanity to the State's finances by voting for meaningful bills. Unfortunately, too many of their colleagues to date have taken the easy way out and we are still awaiting passage of a reform bill.

Senator Bill Cunningham, Representative Renee Kosel, Representative Kelly Burke and Representative Frances Ann Hurley deserve immense credit for voting for real pension reform. They voted for billions of dollars of savings for current taxpayers and future generations. Illinois simply cannot return to fiscal stability without stabilizing the worst funded pension system in the nation. They recognized this reality and acted responsibly on behalf of their constituents.

As our unemployment rate continues as the second highest in the nation, taxpayers are right to question our legislature's ability to address the critical issues facing our state. But remember, many individual legislators such as Senator Bill Cunningham, Representative Renee Kosel, Representative Kelly Burke and Representative Frances Ann Hurley have already stood up. They simply need more help.

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# EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

## *Instruct Police Officers On Implementation Of State's Concealed Carry Law*

The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) announced it is working to develop a curriculum that will help police officers understand the state's new concealed carry law, enacted by the legislature on July 9, and provide instruction for how to interact with armed citizens in a manner that protects officers, members of the public and individuals licensed to carry firearms.

The concealed carry curriculum is being prepared in cooperation with the Police Training Institute, located at the University of Illinois' Champaign-Urbana campus, and will be based upon research by expert instructors and law enforcement professionals at the University of Illinois and ILETSB staff. ILETSB and the University of Illinois entered into an intergovernmental agreement in 2012 to conduct research into law enforcement practices, technologies, and training methods and delivery systems.

The training program will include an emphasis on how the new law changes safety considerations for both officers and the public, alterations in law enforcement officers' interactions with individuals during traffic stops, how to verify the possession and authenticity of concealed carry permits, and investigation and arrest procedures in cases when persons violate requirements of the new concealed carry law. Additionally, officers will engage in a variety of scenario-based exercises meant to simulate situations they may encounter on the streets.

"The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is committed to conducting research into new and innovative aspects of criminal justice that will enhance practices and procedures within the law enforcement profession," said Chancellor Phyllis Wise. "We appreciate the opportunity, via the university's Police Training Institute, to do our part to prepare the state's local law enforcement officers for the implementation of this significant new law."

"The Board's job is to respond quickly to changes in state statute to ensure that Illinois police officers have all the instruction necessary to perform their jobs in a professional, safe manner," ILETSB Executive Director Kevin McClain said. "We are fortunate to be in a position to collaborate with our partners at the University of Illinois to develop a thoughtful training program, but are mindful that it will be a momentous undertaking to train both new police recruits and the state's nearly forty thousand current police officers by early next year."

The new concealed carry course will be mandated for all recruits at the six board-certified basic training police academies; it will also be made available to the state's 39,000 sworn officers through the Board's 16 Mobile Team Training Units, which operate across Illinois. The Board will strongly encourage all law enforcement departments and agencies to obtain in-service training and education for their officers.

ILETSB is responsible for the certification of all police officers employed by units of local government, including cities, villages, counties, colleges and universities, community colleges, and park districts. The board provides basic training to new recruits through six academies located across Illinois, and offers in-service training to active duty police officers. The six board-certified police academies in Illinois are the Illinois State Police Academy, Chicago Police Department Academy, Cook County Sheriff's Police Academy, Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois, Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy, and the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of DuPage.

## *Lipinski Introduces Bill To Boost American Manufacturing*

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) recently introduced H.R. 2447, the American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2013, a bill that would bring together the private and public sectors to develop recommendations to revitalize American manufacturing and create good paying, middle-class jobs here at home. U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger (IL-16) is the lead Republican cosponsor, with U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk (IL) planning to introduce a companion bill in the Senate.

"American companies and their workers are operating at a severe disadvantage as they face foreign competitors who benefit from coordinated, strategic government policies that benefit manufacturing," Rep. Lipinski said. "We need to recognize this reality and bring the public and private sectors together to develop a national ... manufacturing strategy that specifies recommendations for the optimal tax, trade, research, regulatory, and innovation policies that will enable American manufacturing to thrive. Manufacturing is critical for national security, an essential source of good paying jobs for the middle class, and drives high-tech innovation."

"Manufacturing is vital to our economic and national security, and it is critical that we do all we can to promote American competitiveness in the global economy," Rep. Kinzinger said. "I'm proud to work with Congressman Lipinski to put forward bipartisan legislation that focuses our attention on the challenges facing American manufacturers."

America has a long and proud manufacturing history, however, since the 1970s the number of manufacturing jobs has been shrinking, from 20 million in 1979 to fewer than 12 million today. The recent recession hit workers in manufacturing especially hard. The hemorrhaging of manufacturing jobs has contributed to the stagnation of middle-class wages: since 2000, the median household income, after it's been adjusted for inflation, has fallen by $4,787.

A pillar of the "Make It In America" jobs plan in the House, the American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act will require the National Science and Technology Council's Committee on Technology to lead other agencies and stakeholders in developing a national manufacturing competitiveness strategy every four years. The strategy would aim to advance policies that streamline government regulations and assist with the transfer of research and development into new products and jobs to grow the country's manufacturing base. Previous version of the bill have overwhelmingly passed the House with strong bipartisan support.

## *All Points Southwest*

**By THOMAS E. GAVIN**

Gov. Pat Quinn signed a bill into law last Thursday that made Illinois the 20th state to allow residents with serious illnesses to use medical marijuana if their doctors recommend it.

The measure was approved in the Senate (35-21) on May 17 and in the House (61-57) on April 17. It was endorsed by the Illinois Nurses Association and the Illinois State Bar Association, and more than 270 doctors from across the state signed on to a statement in support of safe access to medical marijuana for patients with serious illnesses.

"We applaud Gov. Quinn for his leadership in enacting this legislation that will help so many Illinoisans and their families," said Chris Lindsey, legislative analyst for the Marijuana Policy Project, which has been lobbying in support of such legislation for 10 years. "Nobody suffering from a serious illness should fear being arrested for using medical marijuana to treat their condition and improve their quality of life. Thanks to this legislation, they no longer will.

"Illinois is the latest of a growing number of states adopting compassionate, common-sense legislation that reflects the proven medical benefits of medical marijuana," Lindsey said. "Seriously ill people in every state deserve the same safe and legal access to medical marijuana, and we will continue to work with patients and advocates around the nation until they have it."

House Bill 1, sponsored in the House by Rep. Lou Lang (D-Skokie) and in the Senate by former state's attorney Sen. William Haine (D-Alton), will allow people suffering from specific medical conditions, such as cancer, multiple sclerosis, HIV/AIDS, and rheumatoid arthritis, to use medical marijuana if their doctors recommend it. Qualified patients will be able to obtain marijuana from one of up to 60 dispensaries, which would acquire marijuana from up to 22 cultivation centers. The Illinois Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, and Department of Financial & Professional Regulation will regulate the cultivation, acquisition, and distribution of marijuana.

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State Rep. Bob Rita, D-Blue Island, on Sunday joined Gov. Quinn and other officials to stand up for Rocky Clark.

Rita welcomed the governor to Blue Island for the official bill signing of Senate Bill 2178, which requires schools to carry catastrophic insurance coverage for its student athletes. The bill, now known as the "Rocky Clark Law," was inspired by the story of Rasul "Rocky" Clark, who was paralyzed on the high school football field in 2000. He died last year at age 27.

Under the new law, the minimum insurance policy for a school will provide $3 million in aggregate benefits or five years of coverage, whichever comes first, for injuries that result in medical expenses of more than $50,000. All schools will have this insurance for the first time, except for those who already require athletes to have private insurance.

The Illinois High School Association, the governing body for high school sports in Illinois, already offers this coverage for state tournaments. It is estimated to cost schools less than $5 per athlete to provide this coverage for the entire season.

Rita was a co-sponsor of the bill and credited Sen. Napoleon Harris and Rep. Will Davis for their leadership in it reaching the governor's desk.

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In an effort to reduce government waste and rein in state spending, legislation supported by state Representative Fran Hurley stripping perks and benefits for future appointees of Metra, PACE, the Chicago Transit Authority and the Regional Transportation Authority was recently signed into law by the governor.

"By getting rid of these lucrative perks we are saving taxpayer dollars," Hurley said. "This is a meaningful and necessary reform that makes sure expensive benefits are not afforded to part-time officials. This is a smart and fiscally responsible step in the right direction."

House Bill 140 eliminates taxpayer funded health care and retirement benefits for individuals appointed to the Regional Transportation Authority, PACE Suburban Bus, Metra, and Chicago Transit Authority boards. For members being reappointed to these boards, previously accrued benefits will remain unchanged, but all benefits will be eliminated for any future terms of service.

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The Cook County Board approved an amendment that would lower the tax rate for many individuals who park in garages and lots.

Commissioners approved a 6 percent tax rate for daily parking and a 9 percent rate for weekly and monthly parking. This change is the result in a state law passed this year that allows Cook County to adopt a percentage-based rate, as opposed to a tiered tax structure.

Percentage-based taxing structures are becoming standard for local governments across the country, with other major metropolitan areas – such as New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Pittsburg – adopting them.

Exemptions for residents of a municipality of greater than 250,000 people will remain in place for those who pay $2 or less over a 24-hour period, $10 or less weekly and $40 or less monthly. Exemptions for residents of a municipality of 250,000 people or fewer will remain in place for those who pay $3 or less over a 24-hour period, $15 or less weekly and $60 or less monthly.

The County anticipates $42.6 million in revenue in 2013, which is unchanged from projections under the current tiered system. The new rates will take effect September 1.

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**U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) issued the following statement to All Points on the bipartisan legislation regarding student loan interest rates that overwhelmingly passed the House:**

**"I am glad that Congress finally put politics aside and did the right thing for students and their families. As a former educator, I value the importance of a college education and understand how expensive it has become. While not perfect, this legislation provides some financial certainty heading into the fall. And by doing away with the annual exercise of having Congress determine rates from year to year, it offers some certainty for student loan interest rates in subsequent years. Making college more affordable will help our nation's long-term prosperity and help many young people attain the American Dream."**

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**Sts. Constantine and Helen Church, located at 11025 S. Roberts Road in Palos Hills, will host their annual GREEKFEST on Saturday, Aug. 17 and Sunday, Aug. 18. Times are: 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Noon to 11 p.m. on Sunday. Donation of $3 for adults and teens, and children 12 and under are free. Enjoy a variety of Greek cuisine, rides, games, a live band dancing, and the $10,000 raffle.**

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**Our good friend Attorney John Anderson of Evergreen Park, reminded All Points that on Saturday, Aug. 31st at 4 p.m., several local athletes who prepped at Chicagoland high schools will be playing for Ave Maria University vs. Robert Morris College in Soldiers Field (Chicago).**

**Located outside of Naples, Florida, Ave Maria University boasts quite a Chicago connection. Their head coach, Marty Quinn, played his prep ball at legendary Mount Carmel H.S. and the University Vice President is one of our personal favorites, former state representative and football assistant at Marist and St. Xavier University, Kevin Joyce.**

**The local athletes representing the Ave Maria Gyrenes include: Tom Anderson, Pat Parrilli and P.J. Doherty (Mount Carmel), Derrick Mitchell (Marist), Frank Kelly (Urban Prep) and Seamus McDonagh (Gordon Tech).**

**Get out and welcome our kids at the legendary venue. Soldier Field. Nothing beats college football on a Saturday in Chicago. Just ask the Northwestern Wildcats own Pat Fitzgerald!**

# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## It's The Dog Days Of Summer At The Shedd Aquarium

Known as home for beluga whales, Pacific white-sided dolphins, and thousands of aquatic species, Shedd Aquarium welcomes three furry new residents this summer: dogs! An international leader in animal rescue and rehabilitation, Shedd introduces three rescue dogs in its brand new aquatic show, "One World", celebrating the human connections with all animals and demonstrating the "Shedd Way" of animal care.

Making its public debut on the Fourth of July holiday, the multi-species aquatic show, generously presented by Toyota, focuses on the interconnectivity of the living world and the impact we have on our shared environments. Narrated videos that spotlight Shedd's rescue and rehabilitation work alternate between animal interactions with trainers, including sessions with the aquarium's newest four-legged friends. Throughout, guests will understand the significance of the individual roles we play in conservation and care for animals in the wild and at home.

Working with local pet rescue partners – Chicago Animal Care and Control (CACC) through Safe Humane Chicago and The Anti-Cruelty Society – Shedd adopted three medium-sized canine breeds between the ages of one and 2-years-old: **Bruce**, a pit bull terrier mix, **Coral**, an Airedale mix, and **Dory**, a shepherd mix.

Since February this year, the dogs have been working with a team of Shedd trainers. Beginning this summer, the rescued pups will take center stage to showcase the aquarium's extensive rescue and rehabilitation work as well as the four cornerstones of good animal care: healthcare, nutrition, the animal's environment and training.

The new aquatic show features Shedd's dogs, dolphins, belugas, and other animal favorites from the Abbott Oceanarium. In the future, guests will also learn more about the playful dogs during meet-and-greets in front of the aquarium.

Shedd has a long history with dogs going back two decades when Ramirez began teaching an adult education program on pet training at the aquarium. The full-day courses gained popularity among participants throughout the years and in 2008 during the renovation of the Abbott Oceanarium, Shedd introduced "Pet Training the Shedd Way" while the aquatic show was on hiatus.

For more information about the aquatic show, show times and stories about Shedd's rescues visit www.sheddaquarium.org/oneworld.

The "One World" aquatic show is included in the Total Experience Pass – the best one-day value – with access to all permanent exhibits, *Jellies* special exhibit, *Stingray Touch* and 4-D Experience. Total Experience Passes are available in advance online for $37.95 per adult, $28.95 per child (ages 3-11). Timed tickets for the aquatic show can be purchased as an add-on to the Shedd Pass for $5 per person. Shedd Passes are $28.95 per adult, $19.95 per child (ages 3-11). Additional information about discounts for residents, educators and others is available online at http://www.sheddaquarium.org/discounts.html.

## Casting Call

The Palos Village Players will hold auditions for their musical, "Once Upon A Mattress," an adaptation of the fairytale The Princess and the Pea. The music and lyrics are by Mary Rodgers and Marshall Barer. Jay Thompson, Marshall Barer and Dean Fuller wrote the book. The auditions will be held from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 18 and from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, August 19 and 20. The auditions will be held at All Saints Lutheran Church, 13350 LaGrange Road in Orland Park. Park in the rear lot and enter at the southwest back door. No appointments are necessary and the audition will consist of cold reading from the script. Auditioneers should also bring something to sing that will showcase their vocal range.

Dance auditions will be handled the same way. The director is Michael Barr of Beverly and he will be assisted by Linda Modell of Palos Hills. Performance dates will be Nov. 9-16 and the play will be staged at the Palos Park Recreation Center, 8901 West 123rd St. in Palos Park.

## Zoo Brew On Tap At Brookfield Zoo

Enjoy beats and beers, hops and lagers, and aardvarks and ales at Brookfield Zoo's second annual Zoo Brew, held in collaboration with Burke Beverage, Inc., on Saturday, Aug. 10th and Sunday, Aug. 11th from 1 to 7 p.m.

This unique beer-tasting event would not be complete without pairings with great food. Menu items such as hot dogs, brats, burgers, nachos, jumbo soft pretzels, popcorn, and much more will be available for purchase.

The stem-size fun also includes live music and an opportunity to bid on silent auction items, such as branded beer tenders, specialty brews, and beer-themed memorabilia. On Saturday, guests can rock out to live music by Chicago-based cover band Six to Midnight, who will be playing party rock dance tunes by Pink, Michael Jackson, Green Day, Garth Brooks, and many more. The grooves continue on Sunday with a performance by the Hot Sauce Committee, a Chicago-based band that combines '90s hip-hop with guitars and club beats for a high-energy performance.

Zoo Brew is for adults ages 21 and over; children will not be allowed to attend the event. The cost is $45 per person (Zoo members receive a $10 discount) and includes beer samples, a commemorative tasting glass, admission to Brookfield Zoo, and parking. Additionally, there is a special discount ticket of $25, which includes unlimited soft drinks, for designated drivers. Photo IDs are required. There are limited tickets available, so get yours today and come party with the animals! For further information and to order tickets, go to www.CZS.org/ZooBrew.

## Craft Vendors Sought

Craft vendors are invited to participate in the Forest Preserve District of Will County's public program, "Harvest Hoedown," on Sunday, Sept. 15, noon to 4 p.m., at Riverview Farmstead Preserve in Naperville. There is no charge for vendors to participate.

"Harvest Hoedown" will feature wagon rides, old-time tractors and kids' activities. It will also feature the historic Clow family barn, settlement house and permanent family residence, all dating from the 19th century.

Vendors will be able to sell their crafts at the program. These include woodwork, floral arrangements, jewelry, quilting – virtually any craft that is an authentic, hand-crafted item or original art work.

To request the vendor rules, guidelines and application, call Isle a la Cache Museum at (815) 886-1467.

Riverview Farmstead Preserve is located on Book Road, south of Hassert Boulevard/111th Street, in Naperville.

## Class Reunions

Oak Forest High School – Class of 1983 reunion will be held Friday, Sept. 27th and Saturday, Sept. 28th. On Sept. 27th at the Blarney Stone Pub at 9 p.m. after the Homecoming Game (Sophomore, 5 p.m.; Varsity, 7 p.m.) at Oak Forest High School. Contact Reunion information reservation form or Krista (Kaleta) Attreau at krista.attreau@att.net. Update your contact information by emailing your (maiden name also), street address and email address to alumni@sd228.com.

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St. Bernadette Parish Reunion – The reunion will begin with a special Mass at 4 p.m. at St. Bernadette Church in Evergreen Park on Saturday, Oct. 5th. All family, friends, and alumni of the parish and school are welcome to attend. A special alumni choir is being formed to sing at this Mass. If you are interested in participating in the choir, contact Tom McNamara at tmcnama2@gmail.com.

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St. Leo Grade School – Class of 1963 is planning a 50th class reunion in September. Contact stleogradeschool1963@gmail.com.

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Harper High School – Classes of January and June 1963 are planning a 50-year reunion and are looking for classmates, contact Jim Smith at (352) 686-8363 or www.jimmiesmith.com or Tom Panush (708) 636-7548 or tpanush@yahoo.com.

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St. Killian Grammar School – looking for classmates for their 55th reunion. If you graduated from St. Killian or know of someone who might be interested, contact Carol Vasil Donnelly at (708) 293-1466, email to cdonlel@abcglobal.net or on Facebook.

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Oak Forest High School – Class of 1988 will hold a reunion on Saturday, Oct. 19th at Georgio's Banquets in Orland Park from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Follow this link for additional information: http://new.evite.com/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=fb_share_widget&utm_content=fb_link&utm_campaign=invite#view/invite/eid=015DAAPMT7NZ5QB5EEPCQLOD43CCUY&gid=fb.

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Oak Forest High School – Class of 1977 is in the planning stages of a 36-year reunion at the Homecoming Game on Sept. 27th and an evening event, to be announced, on Sept. 28th. Join Facebook's "Oak Forest High School, Class of 1977."

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Bremen High School – Class of 1962 is planning a reunion at Granite City in Orland Park on Aug. 10th from 7 p.m. until "whatever." This is an informal get-together for dinner following last year's 50th reunion. RSVP on the Class of '62 website at http://www.bhsclass62.com.

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Bremen High School – Class of 1963 is planning a reunion on Sept. 21st at Bartolini's Restaurant in Midlothian with a school tour at 2:30 pm., appetizers at Bartolini's at 5 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Contact Roger Tracy at roger@rtracy.com or bhsclass063@yahoo.com.

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Bremen High School – Class of 1968 is planning its 45th reunion in conjunction with Homecoming the weekend of Sept. 27th and 28th. For specific information as soon as plans are finalized, check the class website at http://bremenclass1968.com.

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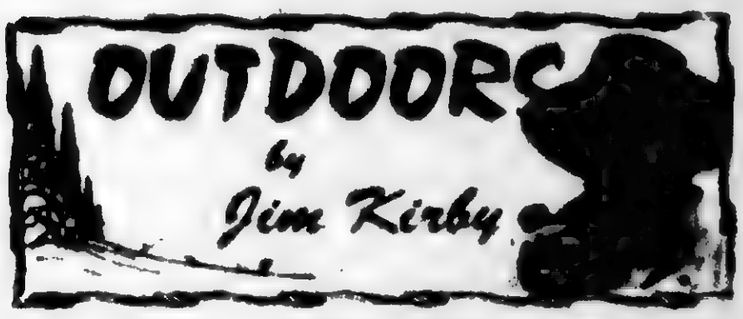


**DISCARDED FISHING GEAR CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO WILDLIFE:** Discarded fishing tackle can trap wildlife, causing death or severe injuries to thousands of birds and mammals each year. If you fish or spend time on the Forest Preserves' many waterways, remember to pick up and properly discard fishing line, hooks and weights, even if they don't belong to you.

After removing hooks and weights and placing them in a trash can, anglers should dispose of fishing line in provided recycling bins. Among other measures the Forest Preserve of Cook County has installed more than 100 fishing line recycling bins at 20 lakes and organizes cleanups at key times each year, but they rely on the public to do their part too. (*As a side note: these recycling bins are becoming popular throughout the country, please use them.*)

**■OUTDOOR CALENDAR: Aug. 15:** Fish Tales Fishing Club meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Bremen Township Bldg., 15350 Oak Park Ave., at 7 p.m. Guest fee is $5, which is applicable to the annual membership fee of $40. **Sept. 1:** Opening day of dove hunting in Illinois. These are not the cute little birds you see cavorting around your backyard. In the wild, the moment you raise your shotgun, the dove will dive, climb, veer left and right (*all at the same time*) and are very hard to hit. Depending on where you're hunting and your shooting ability, on the average, only six birds are harvested out of ten shot at. Time to sharpen your shooting skills on clay pigeons before going afield after doves!

**■PITTMAN-ROBERTSON ACT TURNED 75:** Commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act, the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act turned 75 years old in 2012. This Act, many believe, has done more to ensure a bright future for American hunting and shooting sports than any single legislative act in United States history.

The measure was signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Sept. 2, 1937 and became effective on Jan. 1, 1938. It created a federal excise tax on firearms and ammunition and later hunting bows, arrows and their parts and accessories to be distributed among states to be used expressly for wildlife restoration projects, hunter safety programs and public shooting range development.

Since P-R was signed into law, more than $2 billion in excise taxes has been distributed to the states, and matched with $500 million (chiefly derived from hunting license fees) for wildlife restoration.

Through P-R funded projects, numerous big game species considered on the brink of extinction in the early twentieth century essentially rebuilt their populations and extended their ranges. Among them are the wild turkey, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope, wood duck, beaver, black bear and multiple species of birds. (*North American Hunter*)

**■KID AND KINGS: A GREAT WAY TO REGAIN THE THRILL OF SALMON TROLLING:** After many years of trolling the Great Lakes for salmon, much of the thrill is gone for many of us. Sure the fishing is still fun. But when you have the opportunity to do it a lot, the experience can become almost routine harvest. We don't enjoy the anticipation, the fight, and the true beauty of the quarry like we once did. If you want to recapture the excitement of the sport, go trolling with a couple of kids and their dads who have never done it before. "We older guys wind up the winner." (Dave Mull for *Outdoor Hub*)

**■OUTDOOR REPORT:** *Perch fishing once more legal in Illinois waters of Lake Michigan, minnows working well along the southern basin of the "big pond". **Mike Lahart**, Palos Hts., reports the Kankakee River at normal pool and clear, wading for smallmouth can be productive. **Mik Lurch Fishing Tackle** reports perch doing well on minnows at the Helicopter Pad and off piers and any weed beds.

**■INDIANA OKs NEW FISH, WILDLIFE RULES BUT NOT EXTRA DEER SEASONS:** The Indiana Natural Resources Commission approved a number of revisions to rules governing fish and wildlife resources but didn't authorize the extension of the archery season or the addition of a primitive muzzleloader season for deer hunting.

The archery season will remain the same as last year (Oct. 1 through Jan. 5, 2014) and there will continue to be only one muzzleloader season, which runs from Dec. 7-22 this year.

The Indiana DNR is tagging 500 legal-sized black bass on three rivers as part of a new research project. "Black bass" includes largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass. Anglers who catch a tagged bass can earn gift cards to Bass Pro Shop for $5, $10 or $25 by reporting their catches and returning tags to DNR researchers.

**■THINK ABOUT IT:** "Fishing is the art of doing almost nothing."

**■E-Mail Jim Kirby:** *kirbyoutdoors@sbcglobal.net*

# Friends Of Lou Presta Golf Outing

It was a beautiful July day when over 100 golfers joined Crestwood Mayor Lou Presta at his "Friends of Lou Golf Outing" at Silver Lake Country Club on July 10th.

Mayor Presta said he is thankful for the large amount of sponsors and trustees who helped at the event. Everyone had a great time and went home after dinner with a door prize, prizes from the split-the-pot and a TV raffle, he said.

Next year's golf outing will be on September 8, 2014 at Silver Lake Country Club with both courses reserved to accommodate all of the golfers.

**Left to right: Vince Schavone, Midlothian Village Trustee; Crestwood Mayor Lou Presta and Roger Wood, Municipal Collections of America.**

**Left to right: Pat Doherty, chief of staff County Commissioner; Mayor Presta; John O'Sullivan, Worth Township Committee member.**

**Mayor Lou Presta with Katelyn Kelleher (left), Holiday Inn Express Front Office Manager and Laura Tews (right) Holiday Inn Express Sales Director.**

# Chicago Bulls Player Camp

The Bulls Sox Academy announces that it is hosting a second Chicago Bulls Player Camp on Monday, Aug. 12th through Friday, Aug. 16th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bulls Sox Academy located at 6200 River Bend Drive in Lisle.

Due to the first Bulls Player Camp selling out in record time, a second session has been added to allow more young basketball players the opportunity to really learn from the pros. This extremely popular five-day camp will feature current and or former Bulls players interacting with the kids every day throughout the week. Athletes will work on ball handling, shooting, rebounding, footwork, and game play. All participants will have the opportunity to get an autograph and photo with each daily guest. Bulls' player appearances are contingent on their schedule and availability. Past guests have included Derrick Rose, Joakim Noah, Luol Deng, Jimmy Butler, Taj Gibson, Carlos Boozer, Scottie Pippen, John Paxson, Randy Brown, Stacey King, Bill Wennington, Bob Love and Sidney Green.

The Chicago Bulls Player Camp is open to boys and girls ages six to seventeen years old. The cost is only $499 per athlete. **Be sure to sign up quickly as space is very limited.**

For more information, go to www.BullsSoxAcademy.com or call 630-324-8221.

# Run With The Nuns

Run with the Nuns- 5K sponsored by the Mount Assisi Academy Alumnae Association will be held on Sunday, August 18th at 7:30 a.m. Start on the beautiful campus of Mount Assisi Academy in Lemont, 13800 Main St. The fee is $40 per runner/walker. All participants receive a Mount Assisi Academy "swag bag."

Register online at http://racetime.info/registration/calendar/august/81813/run-with-the-nuns/

To volunteer, host a free vendor table, or donate giveaways for runners, contact Gina Madden at gmaddenlaw@aol.com.

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The Village of Midlothian will conduct a public hearing at the Village Hall, 14801 S. Pulaski Avenue, Midlothian, Illinois 60445 on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers for the purpose of the Village's Illinois Transportation Enhancement Project (ITEP) Application. The Village intends to apply for ITEP funding to replace the deteriorated sidewalks along both sides of Natalie Creek from Kostner to Pulaski, provide a concrete path along the unimproved 145th Street right-of-way from Kenton east to Kilbourn and for pedestrian lighting. The Village is soliciting input from residents and other interested parties on the proposed application. Those unable to attend may provide written comments which will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on August 14, 2013. Comments can be mailed or dropped off to Michael Kohlstedt, Village Clerk, Village of Midlothian, 14801 S. Pulaski Avenue, Midlothian, IL 60445.

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# Health & Nutrition

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## HEALTH APPS

If you have a cell phone and a chronic disease, chances are there is an "app" for what ails you! An "app" is a software application designed to run on mobile devices, which provides a platform of information on a certain subject or product. Typically it is available through a product or company owner. One such example is "Glucose Buddy", made by the company Azumio, created for diabetes patients to help monitor sugar levels and stay in better control. Others are listed below, to get you started on an app primer you can download right into your phone!

**Calorie Counter** – here you can store all of your weight loss data including food, water intake, exercise and weight – in one place. It provides a large food database, and allows for logging by voice, scanning bar codes of packaged foods, and saving favorite meals for easy logging later. The app also provides a detailed look at a food's nutrition facts as well as a breakdown of nutrients.

**Diabetes Nutrition by Foodscate** – this app aims to improve nutrition choices. It provides nutrition facts, diabetes tips and, a health grade, notes about sweeteners, calories per serving and an area listing healthier food options for your shopping list.

**GoMenu** – using a plate graphic and bold colors this app can help you visualize how well you are meeting your daily nutrition needs. Log foods using a comprehensive database that includes over 40,000 common foods and over 20,000 restaurant meals, view nutrition facts and see what percentage of your current calorie intake is from protein, fat, or carbohydrate.

**MedSimple** – this app makes keeping track of your medications simple. Add prescription and over-the-counter meds dose and frequency as well as prescriber and pharmacy information. Set alerts to remind you to take your meds or refill a prescription, and learn about possible savings on prescription drugs.

There are a myriad of apps on the market which are useful for day-to-day health monitoring, and more and more are being developed all the time. A few of these tools have been listed to help you while you are on-the-go. The beauty is that they are "hands on" at all times, so you have a little "encyclopedia" of knowledge with you whenever and wherever you need it.

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# Medical Centers To Participate In Illinois Warrior Summit 2013

The Department of Veterans Affairs is committed to the health and well-being of the veterans we serve. Subsequently, Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, in collaboration with the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center, Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, and the I-SAVE Foundation, will host the sixth annual Illinois Summit Warrior 2013 and Welcome Home Celebration.

The noted event not only celebrates the sacrifice and service of veterans and their families, but seeks to connect veterans to healthcare, employment, benefits, and education. Employees, for example, who specialize in HUD-VASH housing vouchers, veteran benefits, vocational rehabilitation as well as mental health, will be at the summit to assist.

The celebration will take place on Monday, Aug. 12th from noon until 5 p.m. at Soldier Field, Chicago.

The event is free and open to the public. More than 10,000 veterans and their families are expected to attend. Approximately 275 booths comprised of businesses, community agencies as well as colleges and universities will participate. Free parking, food and tickets to sporting events will be available. For more information, contact Valerie Creedon, event coordinator, at (312) 569-6516.


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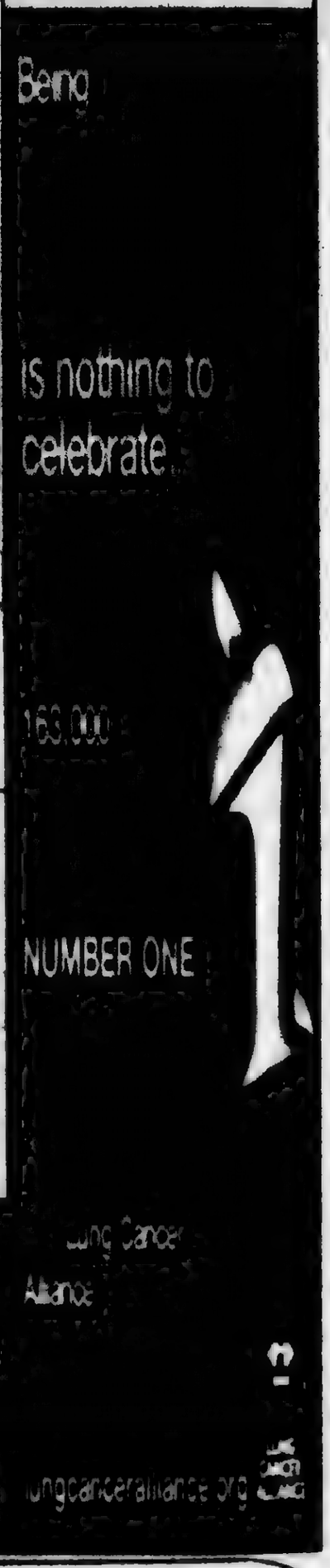


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## Oak Lawn Police Calls

On July 22, it was reported that the concession stand at the Oak Lawn Park District Pool was broken into and $130 and snacks worth $85 were taken. Police report that entry was made through an unlocked overhead garage door after offenders jumped the fence surrounding the pool area.

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On July 22, Jessica L. Hodges of Chicago was arrested for driving with a suspended license, no insurance, driving with suspended license plates and failure to surrender those plates as well as possession charges after a traffic stop at 98th and Central. She was found with drug paraphernalia in a camera bag in the car.

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On July 23, Richard M. Galvin of Oak Lawn was arrested for retail theft after a 6-pack of beer was found in his backpack as he walked out of Walgreens Drugs at 5849 W. 87th Street without paying.

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On July 23, Joshua Garcia of Oak Lawn was arrested for driving on a revoked license, no license and failure to signal a right turn after a traffic stop at 87th Street and 52nd Ave.

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On July 24, Frank D. Mankowski of Burbank was arrested for domestic assault and criminal damage to property after he damaged an ex-girlfriend's car and then threatening to kill her as they argued in the 7000 block of W. 90th Street. Witnesses said that Mankowski damaged the review mirror of the victim's car then threatened to come back with a group of friends to kill her.

# Free Meal For Area Residents

A free community meal will be served on Sunday, Aug. 18th at 6 p.m. at the Menard Center at 90th and Menard in Oak Lawn. Up to one hundred meals will be served on a first-come, first-served basis to all who could use a free meal or want to share a meal with others in the community.

'One Community, One Meal' is a joint venture of the Oak Lawn Clergy and Religious Worker's Association, the Muslim American Society and The Mosque Foundation in Bridgeview. An interfaith team of Christians and Muslims is working together to plan, prepare and serve the meals.

A similar meal will also be served on Sept. 15th at 6 p.m.

# Death Investigation

On July 30th at approximately 8:48 a.m., the Oak Lawn Police responded to a check on the well-being of an unresponsive man in the park in the 8700 block of 49th Court. The Oak Lawn Fire Department Paramedics also responded and the 56 year old man who was a Hometown resident was determined to be deceased. There were no signs of foul play, it appears he had been out walking. The body was transported to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office.

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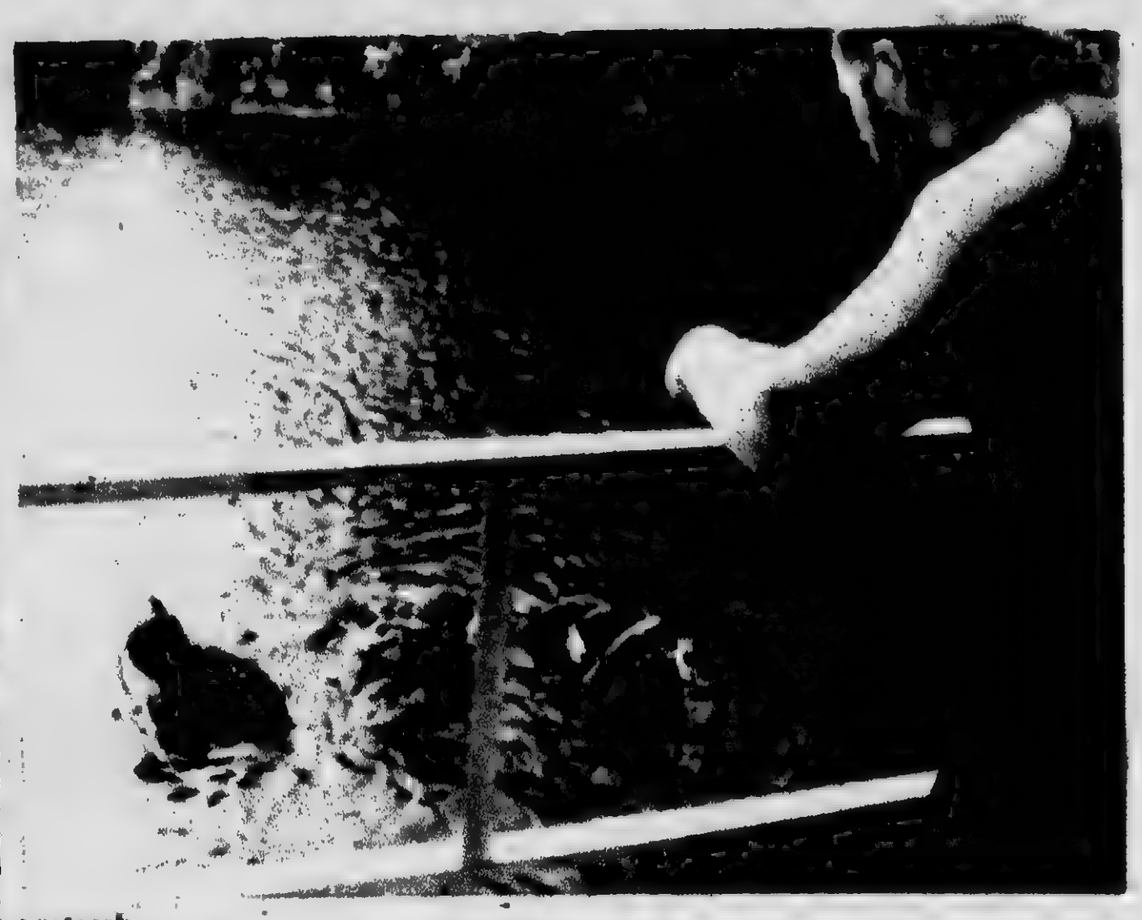

**After listening to teachers Jason Perch and Dylan Shaughnessy repeat the safety protocols they'd already preached for months, it's easy to understand if they dream in SCUBA terminology.**

**Their every signal - tone of voice, body language, choice of words - conveyed safety to their second-year students who would earn their advanced PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) certificates.**

**Preparation for the open water dives - students must complete two to earn certification - begins the day before. Students meet with Perch and Shaughnessy to check equipment and review safety protocols.**

**And then on dive day at Haigh Quarry in Kankakee, they do it again.**

**"We need to make the students' safety the first priority. We work very hard to make sure our students completely understand every step before, during, and after the dives," said teacher Jason Perch.**

**Most students earned a basic PADI certificate, which allows them to dive to 33 feet. Students completing their second year of Aquatics, a physical education elective for more than 10 years in District 218, received an advanced license for dives up to 140 feet.**

**The basic certification course teaches fundamental SCUBA (an acronym for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus) knowledge, theory, and safety, both in and out of the water. Aside from learning to SCUBA safely, students gain an experience unlike any other in the Aquatics course.**

**The advanced course includes skills such as tying a wide variety of knots, search and recovery diving, wreck diving, environmentalist diving, and other specialized dives.**

**Haigh, known as the 'Caribbean of the Midwest,' offers a scenic vista for the dives. The owners do not allow boats, so the water remains crystal clear. It's so pristine, in fact, that the Shedd Aquarium has allowed some of its stock of fish to live at Haigh from time to time.**

**Students who earned certificates this year included Christopher Abrand, John Alberts, Michael Albrecht, Kaitlyn Angle, Daniel Brooks, Joshua Buric, Tristan Busch, Samantha Crouch, Joseph Cullinan, Selvio DeAngelos, Kyle DeRoos, Rebecca Dunterman, Daniel Dusek, Raymond Dusek, Charlie Driedzic, Madeline Driedzic, Keenan Eliot, Erik Fields, Anthony Ganzer, Edgar Gonzalez, Alissa James, Emily Killera, Keana Klingensmith, Jordan Lomax, and Erin Lyons.**

**Also, Alexus Maravillas, Piotr Mazurek, Luis Mendez, Jonathan Miller, John Nagle, Julius Newman, Christian Reyes, Ryan Riley, Jake Recchino, William Rybicki, Alex Schade, Scott Skulemowski, Justin Stankute, James Steele, Joseph Walter, Betty Waters, and Michael Wilder-Lindsay.**

**Pictured: Teacher Dylan Shaughnessy monitors students Luis Mendez, Selvio DeAngelos, and Edgar Gonzalez as they test their equipment before diving at Haigh Quarry.**


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## Veterans And Soldiers News

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Air Force Airman 1st Class Craig D. D'Angelo graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. D'Angelo is the son of David D'Angelo of Bridgeview and Tami Riel of Palos Heights. He is a 2010 graduate of Argo High School in Summit and earned an associate degree in 2012 from Northwestern College, Bridgeview.

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The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) held their National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, July 20th through July 25th, with National President Leanne Lenley of Iowa presiding.

I had the pleasure of attending the 45-Plus Club luncheon for all members who have been in the organization as continuous members for 45 years or more. We were also recognized at the 100th Anniversary Gala Concert, which was wonderful, held on Saturday evening. The concert consisted of musical tributes from many eras.

On Monday we attended the National President's Dinner, which included the announcement of the Outstanding Department (state) Presidents in the 11 membership groups. Illinois is in Group III, but Florida was pronounced the winner in our group. The Illinois delegates gathered outside the banquet hall to greet our state president Cheryl Michel with hugs and a gift in appreciation for her service to the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW, Department of Illinois.

The business sessions began Monday or Tuesday where state chairmen received awards, resolutions to the National Bylaws were reviewed and many guests were introduced. Other highlights included the Joint Opening Session on Monday and the Patriotic Rally on Tuesday evening.

The election and installation of National President Armithea "Sissy" Borel, a Life Member of Starks Memorial Ladies Auxiliary 4759 in Starks, LA and other 2013-14 National Officers took place on Wednesday, July 24th, which concluded the convention. Colette Bishop, of Gustaf C. Lannon Auxiliary to Post 1303 in Rock Island, IL was elected and installed as National Chaplain.

Diane Pencak, Rhine Auxiliary #2329 in Chicago, was installed as Chaplain of the Big Ten Conference. Appointed and installed were Marilyn Schultz as National Musician from Ehinger Brothers Auxiliary 8141 in Calumet City and Kelly Hasting as Color Bearer #4, she is from the 14th District in Southern Illinois.

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Support All Veterans Equally (I-SAVE), Department of Veterans Affairs and World Sport Chicago will host the Illinois Warrior Summit, Welcome Home Celebration and Valor Games Midwest for 10,000 veterans. The event will take place Aug. 12th - 14th from noon to 5 p.m.

Aug. 12th the event will take place at Soldier Field, 1410 Museum Campus Dr. in Chicago. Aug. 13th and 14th it will be held at Armour Square Park, 1300 S. Shields Ave. in Chicago. This one-of-a-kind event is free and open to the public for over 10,000 attendees. It is a unique benefit and resource fair with over 275 tables and booths with businesses, colleges, universities, government agencies and other military-friendly veteran support organizations.

(I-SAVE) Foundation, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Illinois, City of Chicago, Chicago Park District and World Sport Chicago are collaborating to provide 10,000 military service members, veterans and their families of the Midwest Region an opportunity to connect with benefits, education, employment, housing, legal, disabilities, mental health, family children services and faith-based organizations. There will be free parking for 1,500 vehicles along with free food and sports tickets for 10,000 attendees. Over 200 participating community agencies, businesses, colleges and universities will be present delivering programs and services to veterans and their families. For more information, visit www.illinoiswarriorsummit.com.

In addition, World Sport Chicago is providing an opportunity for 200 injured, ill or wounded veterans to compete in various sporting event competitions known as the Valor Games Midwest. For more information, visit www.valorgamesmidwest.org.

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Evergreen Park American Legion Post 854 and its Ladies Auxiliary will hold their installation of officers on Saturday, Aug. 10th with cocktails at 6, dinner at 7 and ceremony at 8 p.m. at the post home, 9701 Kedzie Ave. in Evergreen Park.

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Quote of the Week: The secret of concentration is the secret of self-discovery. You reach inside yourself to discover your personal resources, and what it takes to match them to the challenge. - Arnold Palmer

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Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.

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# O'Halloran Resigns From Metra And Orland Park Boards

Brad O'Halloran has resigned from the Metra Board of Directors and the Orland Park Village Board of Trustees.

O'Halloran sent letters Thursday, Aug. 1st — one to the Cook County commissioners who chose him for the transit system's board and another to Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin — where he resigned immediately from the two positions.

O'Halloran had been facing increasing scrutiny since June 21, when the Metra board approved a severance package that could be worth as much as $718,000 for former Metra CEO Alex Clifford, who had nine months left on his current contract. O'Halloran was named in a memo written by Clifford as applying political pressure to make executive decisions, as well as Metra board director Larry Huggins, and Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan.

O'Halloran met further criticism when it was revealed that he continued to receive compensation as an Orland Park trustee after he was appointed to the Metra board, which is against state law.

O'Halloran wrote in his letter about Metra that it was with "mixed feelings" that he resigned.

"I have come to the sad conclusion that, so long as I am Chairman and a member of the board, the truly critical issues facing Metra will be left aside while the focus remains on the next big headline or attention-grabbing quotation."

O'Halloran wrote in the Metra letter that he stands by the board's decision in regard to Clifford's resignation, following their legal counsel's advice to accept "the lesser of two bad choices in order for the agency to move forward under new leadership."

O'Halloran included an ominous note about not being able to take on attorney Patrick Collins to review Clifford's accusations, due to a conflict, that reads "powerful people in this state must be breathing a sigh of relief that Mr. Collins is not able to lead this effort."

In his resignation from the Orland Park Village Board, O'Halloran wrote that he came to the board with a "singular purpose" to serve neighbors and improve the village.

"Continually achieving that result demands that each Trustee give their undivided attention toward addressing those challenges and concerns that matter most to families and our community," O'Halloran wrote. "I now know that my continued service in that capacity is not possible."

He thanked the other trustees and McLaughlin, and wrote that he hoped he would be remembered for what he helped accomplish for the community.

McLaughlin said in a statement that O'Halloran's resignation was an unfortunate choice to have to make, but a necessary one nonetheless. He thanked O'Halloran for "a lasting and important contribution" to the village's progress.

"That record of service should not be completely eclipsed, dismissed or forgotten by the difficulties and controversy confronting him now. I hope his service to this community will be remembered for what he helped accomplish," McLaughlin said in the statement.

"Each of us on the Village Board has worked tirelessly to make Orland Park one of the most desirable communities in America and we are proud of what we've done. We must now put all this behind us and continue to move forward."

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This sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1) and (g-5). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: visit our website at service.pierceassociates.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number 14-12-09555. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA1215850. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 12 CH 30350. TJSC# 33-13908-100294.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, v. AGATA SWIECZKOWSKI, MARIA SWIECZKOWSKI, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as nominee for Countrywide Mortgage Funding, Inc. Defendants 09 CH 37675 8135 S. WOLCOTT AVE. Burbank, IL 60459 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 11, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 4, 2013 at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate commonly known as 8135 S. WOLCOTT AVE, Burbank, IL 60459. Property Index No. 19-17-212-012-0000.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $[illegible]. Sale terms: The bid amount including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representations as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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For information: contact Plaintiff's attorney, HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD., 39 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1105, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 372-2020. Please refer to file number 20889. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD., 39 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1105, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 372-2020. Attorney File No. 20889. Attorney Code. 44452. Case Number: 12 CH 31795. TJSC# 33-12908-100294. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 665167

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, v. LEOLA HILL, ATTORNEY RICHARD PRUNE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Defendants 11 CH 22027 8359 SOUTH KEELER AVENUE CHICAGO, IL 60652 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 11, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 16, 2013 at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate commonly known as 8359 SOUTH KEELER AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60652. Property Index No. 19-16-414-018-0000.

The real estate is improved with a single family home with a garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representations as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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For information: contact Plaintiff's attorney, ROSENY & MCGUIRK ALLIANCE, LLC, 105 West Adams St., Suite 1800, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 605-1500. Please refer to file number 11-0287. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. Visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. ROSENY & MCGUIRK ALLIANCE, LLC, 105 West Adams Street, Suite 1800, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 605-1500. Attorney File No. 11-0287. Attorney Code. Case Number: 11 CH 22027. TJSC# 33-11908-100294. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 665167

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA N.A. Plaintiff, v. SALVADOR SANDOVAL SR. A/K/A SALVADOR SANDOVAL, ADA SANDOVAL A/K/A ADA SANDOVAL, HENDRE T. DELESHE AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE BRID-GET T. DELESHE LIVING TRUST DTD 10/17/07, DAVID W. DELESHE, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE BRIDGET T. DELESHE LIVING TRUST DATED 10/17/07, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Defendants 10 CH 41063 2016 SOUTH STREET, STICKNEY, IL 60402

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 3, 2012, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 4, 2013 at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate commonly known as 2016 SOUTH STREET, STICKNEY, IL 60402. Property Index No. 16-05-126-015.

The real estate is improved with a two story single family home, two car detached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representations as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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For information: contact Plaintiff's attorney, HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD., 39 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1105, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 372-2020. Please refer to file number 20889. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. Visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD., 39 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1105, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 372-2020. Attorney File No. 20889. Attorney Code. 44452. Case Number: 10 CH 41063. TJSC# 33-11908-100294. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 665167

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, v. LARRY ELLIOTT, JULIE ELLIOTT, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 12 CH 10798 8709 S. MOODY AVE. Oak Lawn, IL 60453

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 13, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 16, 2013 at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate commonly known as 8709 S. MOODY AVE., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Property Index No. 24-05-101-026-0000.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $[illegible]. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representations as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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For information: contact Plaintiff's attorney, HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD., 39 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1105, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 372-2020. Please refer to file number 20889. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. Visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HAUSELMAN, RAPPIN & OLSWANG, LTD., 39 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1105, CHICAGO, IL 60603, (312) 372-2020. Attorney File No. 20889. Attorney Code. 44452. Case Number: 12 CH 10798. TJSC# 33-12908-100294. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 665167

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# Help Rebuild Communities Devestated By Foreclosure Crisis

Attorney General Lisa Madigan recently announced $70 million to assist housing efforts across the state to help rebuild Illinois communities that have been devastated by the national foreclosure crisis.

The funding provided by Madigan stems from her lead role in obtaining a historic $25 billion national settlement last year with the country's five largest bank mortgage servicers — Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Citibank and Ally Bank, formerly GMAC. The settlement addressed allegations of widespread robo-signing of documents and other fraudulent practices by banks during foreclosure proceedings.

Through the announcement, Madigan is dedicating $70 million in settlement funding toward relief efforts for Illinois communities fraught with vacant and abandoned properties. The funding seeks to help rebuild neighborhoods that have been hardest hit by foreclosure in two critical ways: By rebuilding and rehabilitating vacant and abandoned properties to turn around blighted neighborhoods and by providing critical housing counseling to homeowners and renters to build stable communities. Some resources were also dedicated to housing policy and data experts that will ensure all the awardees have access to vital information, tools and strategies for success.

The settlement has already provided nearly $2 billion in direct relief to Illinois homeowners, who were victims of the banks' practices, through principal reductions on home loans and refinancing for underwater loans, and an additional $43 million in direct payments to foreclosed borrowers. In addition, Madigan has awarded $20 million to legal aid organizations and $5 million to pilot mortgage foreclosure mediation programs in Illinois.

"I applaud Attorney General Madigan's leadership and focus on promoting resilient and sustainable collaborations through the National Mortgage Servicing Settlement," said Shaun Donovan, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. "More specifically, Attorney General Madigan and her team's creative use of this flexible funding source to help local leaders design programs that will not only help Illinois communities today, but will remain impactful long after this funding source is depleted. Her dedication to use the funds allocated to Illinois for foreclosure related activities is highly commendable and will pay dividends for years to come."

To allocate the $70 million in funding, Attorney General Madigan appointed a Blue Ribbon Advisory Council made up of housing and community development experts from Illinois' non-profit, government and private sectors to determine and recommend effective allocation of the funding. The Advisory Council focused awards in areas of the state that showed significant need, using data on foreclosed and vacant homes in Illinois.

Members of Madigan's Advisory Council are: Bennett P. Applegate, of Applegate & Thorne-Thomsen, and a founder of the Illinois Housing Council; Allison Clark, of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation; Robert Grossinger, of the Enterprise Community Partners Inc.; King Harris, of Harris Holdings Inc., and the Metropolitan Planning Council; Pam Daniels-Halisy, of The PrivateBank and Trust Company; Sharon Hess, of the Southern Illinois Coalition for the Homeless; Juanita Irizarry, of The Chicago Community Trust; Roberto Requeno, of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Antonio Riley, of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Dawn Stockmo, of the National Community Stabilization Trust. The Advisory Council is assisted by Robin Steiderman and Karen Machin.

The Advisory Council received 136 proposals seeking a total of $807 million. Ultimately, the $70 million was awarded to 54 proposals that focused on areas of need and on housing initiatives that have been nationally recognized by the institutions as diverse as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Brookings Institution. Funding was awarded to groups of organizations working collaboratively to ensure efforts are not duplicated and are more effective — allowing public and private partners to reach a larger number of homeowners and renters in neighborhoods across the state. Some resources were also dedicated to housing policy and data experts that will ensure the long-term viability of the projects.

A snapshot of local awards from the $70 million:

- Cook County Land Bank, $6 million to assist in the start-up of the Cook County Land Bank, estimated to be the largest land bank in the country, and support the already existing South Suburban Land Bank. The two land banks will support local municipalities in bringing vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties back to productive use — boosting local economies, benefiting area schools and reducing crime.
- HFF (formerly the Illinois Facilities Fund), Suburban Cook County, $3 million to support the West Cook Housing Collaborative's five-town redevelopment strategy that prioritizes redeveloping properties affected by the foreclosure crisis near public transportation. The funding will nearly double the acquisition and rehab underway, enabling HFF to create an additional 53 affordable homes for working families.
- Hispanic Housing Development Corporation, Chicago, $3 million to fund an unprecedented effort to rehabilitate and convert single-family homes in foreclosure into rental properties. The program will allow struggling homeowners and their families who are currently in foreclosure to stay in their homes as renters.

Throughout the housing crisis, Attorney General Madigan has taken actions to hold the country's biggest mortgage lenders accountable for unlawful misconduct. Last year, Madigan became the only state Attorney General to bring and resolve a fair lending lawsuit against a national bank when she and the U.S. Department of Justice reached a $175 million settlement with Wells Fargo over discriminatory lending practices. In 2011, Madigan and the U.S. Department of Justice reached a $335 million settlement to resolve allegations that Countrywide — now owned by Bank of America — employed similar discriminatory lending practices against minority borrowers. That settlement represented the largest fair lending settlement in the nation's history.

Madigan led an earlier lawsuit against Countrywide that brought about a national $8.7 billion settlement in 2008 regarding the company's predatory lending practices, and she reached a $19.5 million settlement with Wells Fargo over the bank's deceptive marketing of extremely risky loans called Pay Option ARMs. Madigan has also filed a consumer fraud lawsuit against Standard & Poor's alleging the ratings agency compromised its independence by assigning high ratings to unworthy, risky investments as a corporate strategy to increase its revenue and market share.

For more information on the national foreclosure settlement that led to this announcement, visit www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/bankforeclosuresettlement.html. Borrowers also can visit www.NationalForeclosureSettlement.com.

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# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Betty Lou Biscan**

Services were held at the Forsythe Funeral Home, Manhattan, for Betty Lou Biscan of New Lenox. She was 86. She attended Brown Business College and worked in banking for several years.

She is survived by her husband George, her daughter Janet Lou and her son Thomas (Cathy) and two grandchildren.

**Martin J. Fahey**

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Martin J. Fahey, native of Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo, Ireland. He was the voice of Irish radio in Chicago for 51 years and he was the former president of Mayo Association of Chicago. He was the husband of the late Rita.

He is survived by his current wife Mary, his children Sheila Wallenius and Marty (Patti), four grandchildren and his sister Bridie (Edward) Graney.

**Henry Bruce Leopold**

Private services were held for Henry Bruce Leopold in Frankfort. He passed away on Thursday, July 25. He was an avid horseman and an antiques dealer.

He is survived by his brother Brian Leopold and his sister Valerie.

**Margaret Lyon**

Services were held at the Donnellan Funeral Home, Chicago, on Thursday, with interment at Willamette National Cemetery in Oregon, for Margaret "Peggy" Lyon. She was the wife of the late Virgil MacKay and the late Howard R. Lyon.

She is survived by her son Ronald MacKay and her daughter Zolita Lyon, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Kathryn McGaghie**

A memorial service will be held at a future date for Kathryn McGaghie, 94, of Orland Park. She worked at RR Donnelley & Sons. She was a volunteer nurse at Cook County Hospital during World War II and she was a member of the Melody Homemakers, the Singing Mums and the Sweet Adelines.

She is survived by her husband Robert, her children Karyn (Terry Holm), Marilyn (Ray Wnuk) and Robert (Kathryn), three grandchildren and one great-grandchild and her brothers Louis Grego and Bert Petro.

**Dolores T. Mitchell**

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Friday, with interment at Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery, for Dolores T. Mitchell. She was an employee of the Oak Lawn Park District Racquet Club and the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home. She was a social justice activist. She volunteered at St. Elizabeth Catholic Worker Shelter for Homeless Moms & Kids, the PADS Shelter for the Homeless and the Chicago Volunteer Service where she read to the blind. She was also a member of the Peace and Justice Ministry at St. Linus Church and part of the Courage Program at St. Germaine Church. She had also received the Cook County Sheriff's Service Medal of Honor Award for Community Service.

She is survived by her children Bill, Mia Favicchio and Amy Erickson, four grandchildren and her brother J. Gregory Oswald.

**Sister Christian Molidor RSM**

Mass was said at Mercy Chapel, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Sister Christian Molidor, RSM. She was a member of the Sisters of Mercy for 53 years. She taught at Mother McAuley, Homeroom 120, served in public relations at Mercy Center and was Assistant to the President of Catholic Near East for twenty-seven years.

She is survived by her brothers Jim (Dorothy) Molidor, Jack (Barbara) Molidor and Jerry (Joan) Molidor.

**Barbara K. Morrell**

Mass was said at St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with private interment, for Barbara K. Morrell. She was 82. She worked as a pharmacist.

She is survived by her children Paul (Katie) Morrell, Barbara (Allen) Neuzil, Paula (Marc) Aubin, seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and her brothers Lloyd (Sue) Kellam and George (Shirley) Kellam.

**Thomas Muller**

Services were held in Orland Park on Monday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Thomas Muller, 87, of Blue Island. He was a retired delivery truck driver for Quality Printers. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the Army.

He is survived by his wife Joan C., his children Donna Shantz and Linda (Michael) Doll and six grandchildren.

**Charles F. Peterka**

Services were held at the Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home, Justice, on Thursday, with private cremation rites, for Charles F. "Chuck" Peterka, a US Army Veteran.

He is survived by his wife Gail, his children Russell (Cathy) Peterka and Amy Osinger, six grandchildren and his brothers Tom (Deby) Peterka and Joe (Mellanie) Peterka and his sisters Bonnie (Tom) Weincek and Judy (Rich) Hartig.

**Margaret Schulz**

Services were held at the Donnellan Funeral Home, Chicago, on Tuesday, with private interment, for Margaret Schulz of Chicago, formerly of Surprise, Arizona. She was the wife of the late Arnold Schulz.

She is survived by nieces, nephews, great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

**Olive Bostwick Shannon**

Services were held at the Gerardi Funeral Home, Frankfort, on Thursday, Aug. 8, with interment at Beverly Cemetery, for Olive Bostwick Shannon, 93, late of Frankfort. She was the wife of the late Raymond Bostwick and the late Tom Shannon.

She is survived by her daughter RacAnn Kittl (Robert), four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**Dr. Kenneth R. Stevens**

Private services were held at the Krueger Funeral Home, with private cremation, for Dr. Kenneth R. Stevens, 88, of Palos Heights. He was an optometrist in Blue Island for 42 years. He was also a WWII Army Air Force Pilot.

He is survived by his wife Martha A., his son Kenneth (Lisa), five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Helen C. Vonderheide**

Services were held at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Helen C. Vonderheide. She was a timekeeper at Rheem Manufacturing and worked at K-Mart in Oak Lawn. She was 82. She was the wife of the late John H.

She is survived by her children John (Mary C.), Thomas, Karen (Robert) Karpinski and Mary Grogan, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and her sister Lillian Stecklein.

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# Marathon Meeting

The Oak Lawn Village Board began their August meeting with good news, which quickly turned into a marathon of news that stunned employees and audience alike.

The good news: Site plans for the 111th and Cicero TIF have been approved by the planning commission and the village board. The plans include a new and very modern building that will be anchored by a new Mariano's 73,000 sq. ft. store. Hamilton Partners who is developing the site said plans also include a setback that will allow for landscaping, which is unusual for a shopping mall. There will be detention for water run-off and walking and biking paths that will extend out from Wolf Wild Life Refuge.

Green space and a water feature will also be part of the new shopping center. Hamilton Partners plan on beginning construction in September. According to representatives, Mariano's itself will bring at least 350 jobs to the area. The company is expected to hire from within Oak Lawn and the surrounding area as they have done with other stores.

Performance from other stores boast sales of approximately $50 million a year. The construction is expected to be complete by October next year.

More good news: The village and Advocate Christ Hospital have come to an agreement in regards to fees. In a 'partnership' agreement, the board and Advocate have negotiated an impact fee of $3.2 million a year for several years. Mayor Sandra Bury reported that the hospital has already given the village approximately $2.33 million in permit fees.

It was a hard battle that was begun by trustees no longer on the board. Bury and other trustees lauded the efforts of former board members Tom Duhig and Tom Phelan for instituting negotiations with the hospital.

A liquor license with live entertainment was approved for Clancy's Oak Lawn LTD., which will be located at 4624 W. 103rd Street. When asked, the owner said he was not including video gaming in the establishment. It was stated that Clancy's will be an Irish Pizza Parlor.

Liquor license was also approved for TC Pub, an extension of TC Pub on 9th street, which will be located at 9906 Southwest Highway.

The Bad News: The board was presented with a preview of the next village budget. This budget by law must include pension payments for the fire, police and other village departments. Essentially, it was reported that the village must include nearly $5 million more in the budget to the village pension fund. The village is already contributing over $1 million to this fund.

The board is trying to raise the necessary funds without raising taxes. Village Manager Larry Deetjen has asked for permission to consider outsourcing the duties of the telecommunications department saying that the village performs these duties for several surrounding communities who seem not to be paying their 'fair share' of the costs of providing the service.

Deetjen said it is not a move he considered lightly. Trustees have gone to Springfield to see if there was anything to be done there. Deetjen said the village must find a way to address the pension issue because there most likely will be no help from the state who is having their own pension crisis.

Other measures Deetjen wants to explore is eliminating vacant village positions that most likely won't be filled. These positions will be those in which employees retire and the like.

He said there are many positions on the books now that should be eliminated and that would save the village a lot of money.

The board voted to eliminate the 'department of business operations.' This is the department headed by Chad Wetler who was approached with retirement before the last meeting in July. He did not sign those papers. Trustee Robert Streit argued that this was a political ploy by the board to get rid of another person on 'the Phelan hit list.'

The board also voted to 'outsource' senior services to the park district. Mayor Bury said the village is not in the position to carry out and plan senior activities. She said that should be the duties of the Park District.

It was stated that the board is still looking for a suitable permanent site for the senior center.

# Burke To Discuss Condo Issues

State Rep. Kelly Burke, D-Oak Lawn, will listen to concerns from condominium owners, members of condo boards, and management companies at a town hall meeting in Oak Lawn on Monday Aug. 26.

"It's important that state and local leaders work with condominium owners, boards and management companies to ensure that quality housing remains accessible and affordable," Burke said. "This town hall meeting will begin an open, ongoing discussion with homeowners and property managers most directly affected by condo laws."

Burke, condo law experts and representatives from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation and the Cook County Recorder of Deeds' office will listen to constituents' thoughts on new legislation affecting condominium owners, boards and management companies and discuss how residents can avoid becoming victims of property fraud.

"A great deal of work lies ahead, both to ensure fair and equitable condominium laws in Illinois and get our state back on the right track," Burke said. "That work begins by listening to local residents so I can continue to effectively advocate for their needs and views."

For more information on Burke's town hall meeting, contact her constituent service office at (708) 425-0571 or email evenus@kellyburkerep36.org.

Burke represents the 36th District, which includes Evergreen Park and parts of Oak Lawn, Chicago Ridge, Palos Heights, Palos Hills, Palos Park, Worth and Chicago's 18th and 19th wards.

# Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is returning to Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner Ave. in Oak Lawn this August. It has been six years since they last held Vacation Bible School (VBS). This year's VBS will be on the third weekend in August. Classes will be held on Friday, Aug. 16th from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 17th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bible school is open to all grade school children. If you would like to send your children, contact Salem UCC at (708) 423-9717 any week day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The church is also looking for volunteers to assist with the program. "We think that this year's class is going to be lots of fun for the children. We hope to see you on the 16th of August," said Pastor Steven Hoerger.

# *"The Ed McElroy Show"*

**Ed McElroy, host of "The Ed McElroy Show", at Access Comcast, channel 19, recently interviewed Illinois Secretary of State, Jesse White and Michael Barrett, Attorney at Barrett & Sramek Law Firm.**

**McElroy is Past National Commander of Catholic War Veterans, U.S.A.**

**Pictured left to right are Michael Barrett, Ed McElroy and Secretary of State Jesse White.**

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST 16 & 17 - Friday & Saturday - Vacation Bible School, Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 Kostner Ave., Friday 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (open to all grades)

AUGUST 19 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 20 - Tuesday - Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 20 - Tuesday - OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, Lower Level Rotary Room, 7 p.m.

AUGUST 20 - Tuesday - Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 21 - Wednesday - Farmers Market, Dunke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 am. to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday except Sept. 4th.)

AUGUST 21 - Wednesday - Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room 119, 8 p.m.

AUGUST 22 - Thursday - OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

AUGUST 22 - Thursday - Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In the August 8th edition of the Mt Greenwood Express, Illinois Chamber of Commerce's Executive Vice President Todd Maisch expressed his gratitude to local legislators Senator Bill Cunningham, Representative Renee Kosel, Representative Kelly Burke and Representative Fran Hurley for the support they have given to the Chamber's key investors by voting in favor of so-called pension reform. While these named local legislators are clearly acting in the best interest of big business in Illinois, local constituents residing in these legislator's districts will take the brunt of the burden as a result of their actions in Springfield.

Cutting pension benefits of teachers, police, fire and state public employees will have a huge negative impact on the local economy within these legislators' districts. Not just to those in the pension system, but to the local area businesses that depend on the dollars of those who have rightfully earned the benefits, and now won't be able to spend.

This economic impact is exemplified in Representative Fran Hurley's district alone. According to data reported by the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund, the Teacher's Retirement System of Illinois and the State University Retirement System of Illinois there are over seven thousand local residents who reside in her legislative district that will be negatively impacted by her support for pension-cutting legislation. It is important to note that this number of pension recipients doesn't even reflect the number of police officers, firefighters and other state employees residing in the 35th Legislative District. Hurley's support for unconstitutional pension legislation last spring, illustrates her clear lack of knowledge of the impact on her constituents.

To complicate matters, Cunningham, Hurley, Kosel and Burke have all adopted the philosophy that drastically cutting the benefits of their middle-class constituents is the only way out of the State's fiscal mess. Many groups and organizations have challenged this assumption. In fact, the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability has developed a framework which proposes comprehensive pension debt restructuring and structural revenue reform. Even with pension reform, restructuring the State's revenue according to the CTBA is key to fixing Illinois' budget crisis – a solution for which Cunningham, Hurley, Burke and Kosel have all to this date failed take action on.

Make no mistake, while large Illinois corporations are the beneficiaries of our local legislators' actions, their support for unconstitutional pension reform has created thousands of unhappy voters in each of their districts. It is clearly disappointing to see our legislators advocating for big business and not the middle-class citizens in their districts who have worked many years to earn the benefits that they were promised.

The state's deficits are not the result of its state employees. They are the result of corrupt and incompetent politicians and business leaders in Illinois.

Jerry Mulvihill Jr
Resident, Alsip, IL

# K-9 Donation Program

Hog Wild, 14933 Pulaski Rd., will be donating 100% of the restaurant proceeds for the business day of Sept. 11th toward the purchase of a K-9 for the Midlothian Police Department. Any individual donations in the amount of $20 or more, will receive a Midlothian Police Department K-9 Program T-Shirt.

For more information about this program, call the police department non-emergency number at (708) 385-2534.

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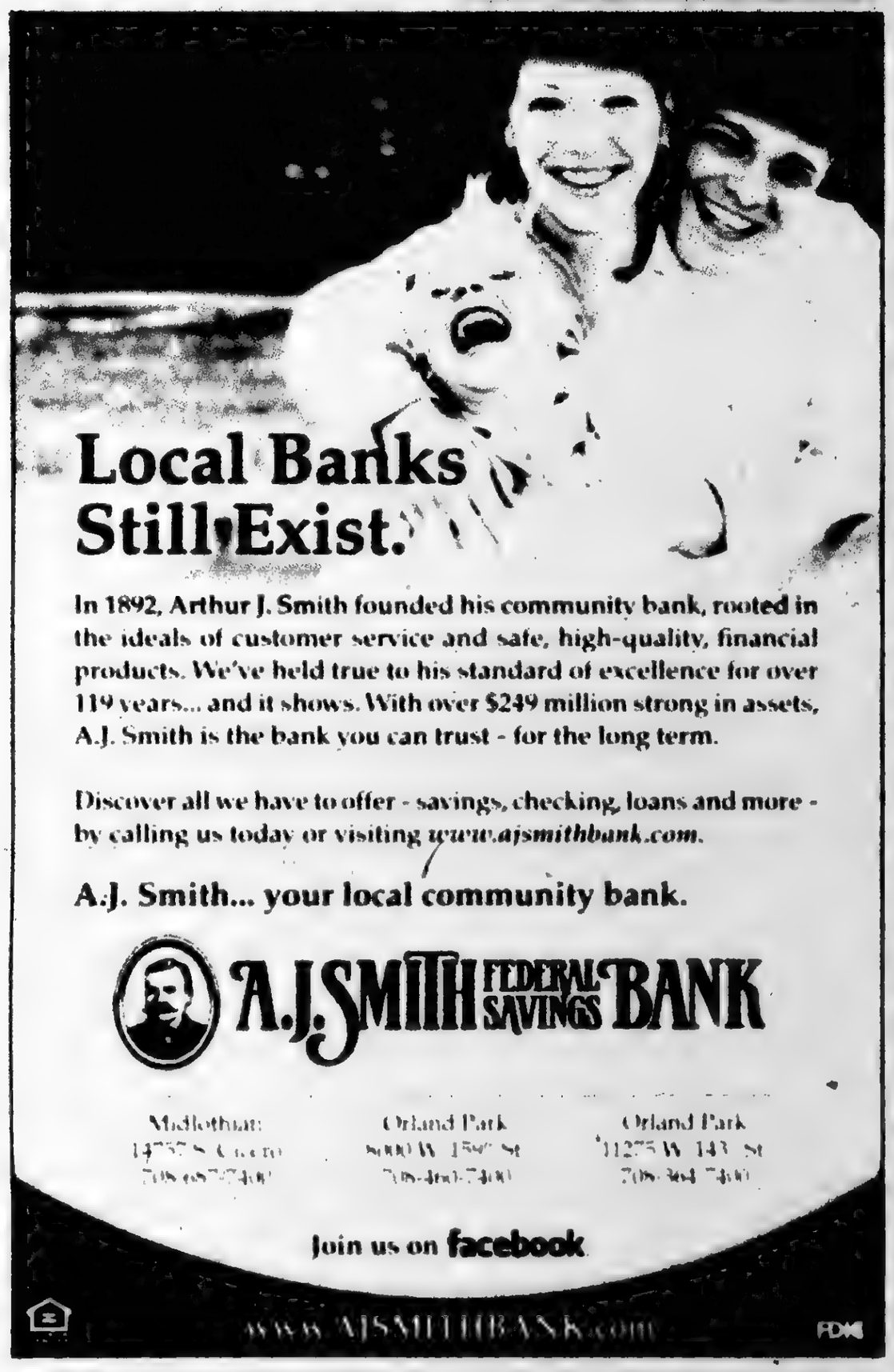

# Seek Applicants For Sustainable Landscaping And Biosolids User Awards

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is accepting applications for its 2013 Sustainable Landscaping and Biosolids Beneficial Reuse Awards until Sept. 6th.

The awards will recognize the activities and innovations of individuals and organizations such as park districts, villages, schools, golf courses, and athletic clubs in two separate categories: sustainable landscaping and beneficial reuse of biosolids. Biosolids are a safe byproduct of the water treatment process that can be used to improve soil fertility and soil moisture holding capacity.

The beneficial reuse of biosolids may be demonstrated through any one of or a combination of the following:

- A continuous commitment to maximize and improve the cost-effectiveness of using biosolids.
- Promotion such as, but not limited to, referrals and field demonstrations.
- Educational efforts on the benefits of biosolids.

The sustainable landscaping award may be demonstrated through the innovative use of green infrastructure, capital investment, and how an individual or organization can promote green landscaping to educate the community. The goal is to present an award to an individual or community that integrates sustainable practices in the environment that manages storm water. Green infrastructure alternatives include:

- Rainwater Harvesting, i.e. through rain barrels
- Rain Gardens
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- Green Alleys, Streets, and Parking Lots

Activities completed after Jan. 1, 2008 are eligible to apply, and an individual or organization is eligible to receive an award once every five years. Applications should include figures, illustrations, narrative and photos to help further explain the efforts. The evaluation process may include a site visit.

Submit application packages to: Dr. Lakhwinder S. Hundal, CPSS, Monitoring & Research Department, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, 6001 W. Pershing Road, Cicero, IL 60804.

Awards will be presented at the MWRD first Sustainability Summit on Sept. 26th at the Radisson Lodge, 3220 148th St. in Midlothian. For more information about the biosolids program, awards or Sustainability Summit, call (312) 751-6613.

# Outdoor Fun Fair

St. Mark Lutheran Church, 11007 S. 76th Ave. in Worth invites everyone to its Outdoor Fun Fair for fun, food and fellowship on Saturday, Aug. 31st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be the Church Bake Sale, face painting, fun activities, inflatables, and Cameron's School of Karate.

The event includes a Flea Market from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. For vendors and for more information, call (708) 444-1720.

## *Special Events & Grants Manager*

**Sertoma Centre, Inc. recently named Elizabeth Baun (pictured) as the Special Events and Grants Manager.**

**In her role for the Alsip-based not-for-profit, she is responsible for the planning and execution of all special events. In addition, Baun will oversee grant writing and foundation relations for Sertoma Centre. As a member of the Advancement and Communications team her efforts are an essential part of raising money and awareness for the Centre.**

**Baun has more than 8 years of event planning, marketing communications and relationship development. In her most recent roles, she served as the E-Marketing and Event Services Manager and as Convention Services Manager at the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau in Lansing, Illinois. Baun holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations from Butler University, Indianapolis, IN and a Master of Business Administration-Integrated Marketing Communications from Roosevelt University in Chicago.**

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## *Energy Efficiency Upgrades Saved $3 Million*

An energy use analysis of 33 Cook County municipal buildings shows that low- and no-cost energy efficiency upgrades have reduced overall energy use by 11 percent in these buildings since 2010, saving taxpayers an estimated $3 million over the past three years.

CNT Energy completed the energy use "benchmarking" effort for the County and analyzed more than 4.5 million square feet of space in Cook County owned buildings, roughly equivalent to the gross square footage of Willis Tower. The 33 buildings account for 25 percent of the County's total square footage in its building portfolio. When all other projects currently underway are completed, 65 percent of the county's buildings will be benchmarked.

"Implementing energy efficiency across Cook County's building stock has the potential to save taxpayers millions of dollars over time," Cook County President Tom Preckwinkle said. "By measuring and tracking energy consumption in our buildings, we can identify opportunities to use energy more efficiently, implement improvements and measure progress."

Cook County paid $24.4 million in utility bills in 2012. Its 650 buildings consumed 242.5 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity and 1.3 million therms of natural gas that year.

Since 2010, Cook County has focused on low- and no-cost energy efficiency improvements to many of its buildings, such as removing unnecessary light bulbs in light fixtures, installing sensors that shut off lights when not in use, and reprogramming building systems to shut off heating and cooling systems when the buildings are not occupied. The benchmarking analysis shows that the upgrades are paying off: the improvements have saved taxpayers $3 million on energy costs over the past three years.

In particular, Cook County has focused on the energy use in its suburban courthouses, which represent 5 percent of the County's total building energy use. Of the six suburban courthouses CNT Energy analyzed, Cook County decreased its adjusted energy use in these buildings by 23 percent since 2010 (adjusted for weather and occupancy changes). The 6th District courthouse in suburban Markham had the highest energy use reduction at 31 percent, reducing its energy costs by $91,000 in a single year.

CNT Energy benchmarked the Cook County buildings using the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's EnergyStar Portfolio Manager, a free tool that allows users to compare an individual building's performance with similar commercial buildings nationwide, adjusting for weather variations and basic operating conditions. By benchmarking its building portfolio, Cook County is adding to the national benchmarking database, which will improve comparison capabilities of the tool. The Portfolio Manager also allows users to examine a particular building's energy use over time. CNT Energy has found that tracking a building's energy use from year to year provides an important gauge for understanding the building's performance and identifying areas to increase energy efficiency.

The Cook County Department of Environmental Control coordinated the benchmarking effort across several agencies, including the Cook County Health & Hospitals System, Facilities Department, the Department of Transportation and Highways, and the Office of Capital Planning and Policy. Funding for CNT Energy's benchmarking services were paid for by funding through the federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program and support from the Joyce Foundation.

## *Support Student Loan Deal*

U.S. Representatives Brad Schneider (IL-10), Tammy Duckworth (IL-08) and Bill Foster (IL-11) voted in favor of the Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act (HR 1911), a bipartisan compromise that reverses the July 1 doubling of student loan interest rates from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent.

"I have continually called on Congress to take action for our students, and I'm glad that today we were finally able to do so," Foster said. "We need much more of this kind of bipartisan compromise in Washington. This legislation was an important step forward, but we must continue to make lowering the cost of education a priority and ensure that middle class Americans have access to a quality, affordable education."

"This was the right action for our students," Schneider said. "For too many students and families, college is increasingly out of reach, and we must do more to make higher education more affordable and accessible. While not perfect, this compromise addresses a key concern I had with the House bill by locking in rates for the life of the loan and providing certainty for our students."

"I voted yes on this bill because this legislation saves students thousands of dollars in lower interest payments," Duckworth said. "Our nation's students should not have to be burdened with additional debt because of inaction from Congress. Although this legislation isn't perfect, it is a bipartisan compromise that moves us in the right direction."

Schneider, Foster and Duckworth opposed a bill brought up for a vote in the House in May that would have made college more expensive and put higher education further out of reach for lower and middle-income families. The trio also cosponsored a measure to avert the doubling of loan rates.

The Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act passed the Senate on July 24 and now heads to the President for his signature.

## *Children's Clothing & Equipment Resale*

Southwest Chicago Christian School is holding a Fall/Winter Children's Clothing and Equipment Resale on Saturday, Oct. 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the gym at its Oak Lawn Campus, 10110 S. Central Ave. Interested sellers may register at the Tinley Park campus, 17171 S. 84th Ave. on Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 5 to 6:45 p.m. and at the Oak Lawn campus on Thursday, Sept. 12, from 5 to 6:45 p.m. The seller's fee is $8. Phone registration will be held Sept. 13-20 with a registration fee of $12. Space is limited. Call the school office at (708) 636-8550 to find out how to register by phone. The seller will receive 70% of their profit; the school receives the other 30%. The sale will be cash only. No children or baskets/bags will be allowed into the sale.

## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Congratulations to the Honorable Joan Patricia Murphy, our Cook County Commissioner (6th Dist.), who was selected to receive the first Women of NACo (National Association of Counties) "Woman of the Year" award.

Murphy has a long legacy of political and civic involvement. In 1965 she became the first women elected to the office of Clerk of the Village of Crestwood, Illinois. She followed that feat by becoming, in 1977, the first woman elected as Clerk of Worth Township, Illinois. By 1989, she would become the first woman elected Supervisor of Worth Township. In 2002, Murphy successfully won the election for Cook County Commissioner, 6th District. In a political career that almost spans 50 years, Murphy has mentored countless individuals.

In recognition of all of the great work that she has selflessly shared with the public and her colleagues continuously over the years, Commissioner Murphy has earned the honor of being named WON "Woman of the Year." The award was presented July 22, 2013 during the WON Breakfast at the NACo Conference in Fort Worth, Texas.

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Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford is reminding Illinois residents that checking the unclaimed property website, www.treasurer.il.gov, is free of charge, and a service provided by his office.

"We have been getting reports of individuals who accidentally go to the wrong website and are asked to provide credit card information in order to find their unclaimed property," said Treasurer Rutherford. "Those are outside entities or private companies that are charging to provide the information. Be sure to visit our official website, where finding unclaimed property for you or your family won't cost a dime."

The I-Cash program helps reunite owners with their unclaimed property, and has seen tremendous growth since Treasurer Rutherford took office in 2011. In 2012 the total returned was $129 million dollars, a 27 percent increase over the previous year.

With over $1.7 billion dollars available to owners, statewide, I encourage you to check out the website to see what you discover," said Treasurer Rutherford.

The costs associated with the Unclaimed Property Division, including staff, computers and travel, are paid for through the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund, and not by tax dollars.

To find out if you have unclaimed property through I-Cash, visit www.treasurer.il.gov and follow the I-Cash link. The website is updated weekly to reflect new properties remitted to the office.

You can contact the Unclaimed Property Division by calling (217) 785-6998.

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State Rep. Bob Rita, D-Blue Island, is urging local residents to take advantage of state resources over the next two months, if they're facing losing their homes to foreclosure.

Sept. 30 is the deadline to apply for temporary financial assistance under the Illinois Hardest Hit program, which has helped thousands of homeowners around the state. The federally funded program offers free services to homeowners struggling with unemployment or significant underemployment by allowing them to stay in their home while they work to get back on their feet financially.

Eligible homeowners can receive either a one-time payment of all owed mortgage payments and fees/penalties, or help with paying 100 percent of monthly mortgage payments for up to 18 months.

Rep. Rita encourages anyone in need to seek out help immediately because the federal funding is running short and there is no guarantee everyone will be served.

Rita encourages those interested to visit https://www.illinoishardesthit.org/ or contact his office at 708-396-2822 for more information.

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An effort to expand open lands in suburban Cook County sponsored by State Senator Bill Cunningham (D-Chicago) was signed into law Friday. Senate Bill 1499 gives the Cook County Forest Preserve District the power to acquire land by easement, which will now enable the district to enter into voluntary agreements with businesses, utilities and local governments to acquire patches of open land and incorporate them into the Forest Preserve green belt.

Until this legislation was signed, every other forest preserve district in Illinois can acquire land by easement. With this new law in place, the Cook County Forest Preserve will no longer be forced to purchase any land it acquired, saving the taxpayers significant cost.

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The Village of Worth will be hosting the annual Worth Days Fest on Aug. 22-25. Entertainment begins Aug. 23rd. The Village is selling mega passes at the Village Hall for a discounted rate prior to the opening of the festival. For costs, visit www.villageofworth.com. The Worth Days Fest concludes Sunday, Aug. 25th with a parade. To take part in it contact Clerk Bonnie Price at (708) 448-1181.

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SAVE THE DATE for a fabulous day of live entertainment, food, drinks, auctions, raffles, games and more! The Family Fest brings together thousands of Misericordia's family members, friends and neighbors for a fun and exciting day that has become our largest fundraising event. Misericordia's Family Festival takes place 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 8, on Misericordia's campus at 6300 N. Ridge Avenue in Chicago (corner of Ridge & Devon). S&C Electric is generously providing free parking for fest-goers, which can be accessed off Devon Avenue, just east of Ridge. A bus to the fairgrounds will be available.

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The Cancer Support Center (CSC) hosts its 22nd Golf Outing in memory of Steve Fallick, at Flossmoor Country Club on September 13th. The outing features Hall of Famer Carlton Fisk, who will compete against participants on the par 3, seventh hole. Flossmoor Country Club was founded in 1899 and has been the host to many popular events and players throughout the last century.

On Friday, September 13th, enjoy golf with Carlton Fisk, Hall of Famer, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Flossmoor Country Club, 1441 Western Ave.. Flossmoor Golf registration begins at 11 a.m., followed by complimentary lunch sponsored by Land O'Frost and a Shotgun start at noon. Individual tickets for golf and dinner are $325, foursomes, which include a ticket to the Oktoberfest-themed dinner sponsored by Walt's Food Centers, start at $1300. Dinner features live music by Die Musikmeisters German Band. Event features include pictures with Carlton Fisk, auction prizes, raffles, games, and more.

The Cancer Support Center provides programs at no charge for anyone affected by cancer in more than 70 South Chicago communities. In addition to support groups, individual and family counseling sessions and The Center's comprehensive Resource Center, wellness programs are offered on a weekly basis.

For information about The Cancer Support Center, the Annual Golf Outing in memory of Steve Fallick, or any of The Center's programs, call (708) 798-9171 or visit www.cancersupportcenter.org. More information on Flossmoor Country Club is available at www.flossmoorcc.org.

# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## Class Reunions

Bogan High School - Class of 1963 is seeking graduates for its 40-year reunion to be held on Friday, Oct. 11th at the Willowbrook Holiday Inn, 7800 Kingery Highway in Willowbrook, at 6:30 p.m. The $60 fee per person includes dinner and an open bar. Contact Gale Serrano Moskus at mrsbkwgs@gmail.com or Paul Mahalek at pvmahalek@earthlink.net

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Kelly High School - Class of January 1964 is planning a 50-year reunion and is looking for classmates. Contact William Malesky at bmalesky@comcast.net or (630) 229-1770, Laura Bobarek at rnrlaura@comcast.net or (815) 462-9134, or Gerald LaFarge at glafarge@comcast.net or (630) 852-9151.

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St. Leo Grade School - Class of 1963 is planning a 50th class reunion in September. Contact stleogradeschool1963@gmail.com

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Mother of Sorrows High School (in Blue Island) - All class reunions will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19th from 7 to 11 p.m. at Hearthon Street, 1159 W. 115th St. in Merrionette Park. Email contact information to tigsy222@aol.com or Tammy Doegan Price (Class of 1981) http://www.moralsclassreunion2013.myevent.com or call (708) 636-4499 to leave your contact information.

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St. George on Tinley Park - Looking for classmates from St. George class of 1973 for a reunion planned for Oct. 5th. If you are from this class or know someone who was, contact Lori Collins Schroeder at lschroeder@hotmail.com or Cynthia Tolvay Contreras at cmcontreras@gmail.com

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Bremen High School - Class of 1962 will hold an informal get-together for dinner at 7 p.m. on Aug. 10th at Granite City Food and Brewery, 14035 S. LaGrange Road in Orland Park. Contact www.bhsclass62.com

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St. Leo Grade School - Class of 1953 is planning a 60th anniversary class reunion in October. Contact Bill Gibbons (708) 229-7644, Jim Alkwatie (312) 938-1912, or gunwally-bill@sbcglobal.net

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Kelly High School - Class of 1963 will hold its 50th reunion on Sept. 27th at the Bolingbrook Holiday Inn, 205 Remington Blvd., from 6 to 11 p.m. Tickets are $55, which includes dinner, dancing, memories sharing and a video presentation. There will be a cash bar. Contact (630) 469-9418, www.dannadc.wix.com/kelly-hs-50-reunion or email bergstroka@yahoo.com

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Bremen High School - Class of 1968 will hold its 45-year reunion in conjunction with Homecoming weekend, Sept. 27th and 28th. The cost is $40 per person. The monies deadline is Aug. 30th. Contact the class website *Bremenclass1968.com* for full details on both events.

## Comedy Improv Announces Auditions

The Village of Orland Park Comedy Improv Team performs on select Friday evenings at Orland Park's Old Village Hall, 14415 S. Beacon Ave., in Orland Park.

Auditions for the new season's team will be held Tuesday, August 20 and Wednesday, August 21 from 7 until 10 p.m. at the Old Village Hall, 14415 S. Beacon Ave. Parking is available in the rear of the building. Men and women age 19 and older are invited to audition for the team that is directed by Jimmy Mazeika.

Rehearsals are held on week nights with monthly Friday night performances September through August. Once named to the team, participants must pay a $35 registration fee. For more information, call the Village of Orland Park Recreation Department at (708) 403-PARK.

## Local Singer Susan Manion Broadcasting From Nashville

**Susan Marie Manion (pictured), singer, songwriter, and business owner will be appearing on the Nashville Broadcasting Radio Network (NBRN) at 9:05 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 23rd. Susan is a resident of Orland Park and owns Susan Marie's Enterprises in Orland Park, which she said is two businesses in one. One is a Janitorial Cleaning Company, and the other is Investing, both at the same location.**

**Susan Marie loves music. She has received many awards and is very proud of her many appearances with some famous Country Music artists. Her specialty is Inspirational and Gospel Music and she is now making a CD and is working with David Huff, famous producer in Nashville, on the CD. He just completed a CD for Band Perry. Casha Petoz, well-known producer, will be "mixing" (adjusting the volume) on the CD.**

**In June 2012 Susan was picked in the Top 50 out of 10,000 people on World Idol, a spin off of the American Idol. She has been a presenter twice on Inspirational Country Music Awards and in 2011 she had the honor of presenting Ricky Skaggs with the Musician of the Year Award. In November of 2012 she presented the New Artist of the Year Award to new artist Larissa (she only goes by Larissa).**

**Susan is in the Top 20 Southern Gospel and Top 15 Christian Country Music nationwide. She also sang at the B.B. King Country Music Fest. You can listen to her music, read her Bio and view her pictures at www.susanmanion.com. If you would like to speak with her, call the office at (708) 675-3595 or her cell phone (708) 712-5232 or for more information email smcinc@comcast.net or susanmanion@comcast.net.**

## Uncover The Secret Lives Of Animals

Where does a chipmunk sleep? What does an eagle feed its young? How do mothers hide their babies in a cave? Animal Secrets, the new exhibit opening at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, offers guests the chance to explore and discover the hidden habitats and secret lives of forest animals.

Using imaginative role play and hands-on interactive activities, guests will get a glimpse of nature from an animal's point of view in naturalistic environments. The exhibit is divided into sections including a stream, meadow, woodland, cave and naturalists' tent, to portray the types of habitats seen throughout Illinois. Live animals from the Nature Museum's Living Collections will be featured, as will informative displays.

Opening date of this exhibit is Sept. 21, running through January 21, 2014 at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 North Cannon Drive, just off Lake Shore Drive at Fullerton in Lincoln Park. The museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Animal Secrets is included in Nature Museum general admission, which is $9 per adult, $6 per child 3 to 12 years old, $7 for seniors and students. Thursdays are suggested donation days for Illinois residents.

For more information visit www.naturemuseum.org


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Sunday-8/25: 7:00—10:00 PM Deja Vu
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Drawing on Sunday, August 25, 2013 9:00 PM at the Carnival
Raffle Tickets available for purchase at the carnival— $5.00 each

# Adopt-A-Classroom Prize Drawing

Marquette Bank, a locally owned neighborhood bank, will launch its 5th annual Adopt-a-Classroom prize drawing Now through Saturday, Sept. 14th. Marquette Bank customers, local teachers and parents can enter at any Marquette Bank location for a chance to win a $200 gift card for any Illinois elementary, junior high or high school classroom of their choice. Teachers of the winning classrooms can use the gift cards to purchase supplies for their students. There will be one winner at each bank location and 25 Chicago-area classrooms will be selected at random in the drawing.

"As a neighborhood bank, we want our children to have all of the tools in order to succeed because they are the future of our local communities," Betty Kosky-Harn, Executive Vice President, said. "The Adopt-a-Classroom prize drawing is a fun way we give back to our local schools every fall."

In the past years, teachers have used the prize money to take special field trips, create special craft projects or purchase books, educational games and equipment for their students. The Adopt-a-Classroom prize drawing is part of the Marquette Neighborhood Commitment's efforts to support education. Each quarter, the bank focuses on a different area of need: shelter, hunger, education and health/wellness as part of the Marquette Neighborhood Commitment.

For more information about Marquette Bank and its Neighborhood Commitment, visit www.marquettebank.com/neighborhood or call 1-888-264-9580.

# Award Nearly $2 Million In Anti-Violence Funding

The Cook County Board today approved $1.9 million in grants for 18 local community groups. The organizations' work will be aimed at reducing violence in Cook County.

The grant proposals were recommended by the Violence Prevention, Intervention and Reduction Advisory Committee, which was established by Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle as part of the 2013 budget. The seven-member committee evaluated the grant submissions and made recommendations to the Cook County Justice Advisory Council about the best way to allocate limited funding to serve the needs of communities plagued by violence.

"I am grateful to the committee for determining how to distribute resources in an effort to make an impact in our neighborhoods," President Preckwinkle said. "I look forward to working with these individuals and organizations to ensure the grants are as effective as possible. We believe this funding will provide critical services that help address violence prevention."

The committee evaluated proposals submitted by 112 organizations. The committee members are Anne Pennack, Executive Director of Pilsen Food Foundation; Thomas Wentzel, Chief of the Riverside Police Department—Esther Franco-Payne, Program Director for Metropolis Strategies; David Rosa, Administrator at St. Leonard's Ministries; Commissioner John Fritchey; Commissioner Edwin Reyes and Commissioner Deborah Sims.

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LEGAL NOTICE
CRESTWOOD PLAN COMMISSION
September 9, 2013
UPON THE REQUEST OF MAHMOUD SHUAIBI, INTERNATIONAL EQUIPMENT SALES FOR A SPECIAL USE TO PERMIT A USED CAR DEALER WITH A STIPULATION THAT SEVEN VEHICLES CAN BE PARKED OUTSIDE THE BUILDING
4450 W. 137th Place, Crestwood, IL 60445

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Crestwood Plan Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 8:00 P.M. in the Crestwood Village Hall, 13840 S. Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, IL upon the "Request for Special Use" filed by Mahmoud Shuaibi, International Equipment Sales 4450 W. 137th Place, Crestwood, IL 60445 seeking a special use to permit a used car dealership with a stipulation that seven vehicles can be parked outside the building on the property commonly known as 4450 W. 137th Place, Crestwood, Illinois and legally described as

Lot 4 in Pruim West Industrial Park, a Resubdivision of part of Lots 12 and 13 in Arthur T. McIntosh and Company's 135th Street Farms in the Northwest ¼ of Section 3, Township 36 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois

At which time and place, interested persons may attend and will be afforded an opportunity to be heard during the Plan Commission's deliberations and considerations relating to the Plan Commission's proposed recommendation and advise to the Village Board as to the formal action to be taken upon the subject request for special use.

In addition, the Plan Commission will consider written comments pertaining to the subject "Special Use Request" which comments may be submitted at the Public Hearing of September 9, 2013 at 8:00 P.M. or submitted to the Crestwood Plan Commission by delivery to the office of the Village Clerk, directed to the Plan Commission prior to the date and time of this Public Hearing.

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# Health & Nutrition

Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

## BEATING THE AUGUST BUGS

August is notorious for its bugs. And there is nothing worse than being out at a barbecue flipping a burger, or taking a golf swing at the course and having the buzzing of a mosquito or bee landing on your bare arm. There are things you can do to beat the bugs, however, with some forethought in your planning for your outdoor events.

***WEAR REPELLENT***

Use enough repellent to cover exposed skin lightly, say professors of entomology. If you want to use a product containing both sunscreen and repellent, make sure it has an SPF of at least 30, and reapply as directed.

***LEAVE STINGING INSECTS ALONE***

Wasps, hornets, yellow jackets and bees won't bother you unless you bother them. To keep bugs away from temptations, cover trash cans and food, especially sweets and soda. If they buzz you, walk away. Don't swat!

***MAKE YOUR YARD UNFRIENDLY***

You can't control water on the golf course or in the forest preserves, but in your own back yard, you can eliminate standing water which mosquitoes need to reproduce. A few saucers under flower pots can produce mosquitoes for the whole neighborhood. Cut back weekly undergrowth where insects like to hide. And because mosquitoes are weak fliers, place fans around your deck to keep them away.

***PRODUCTS THAT REALLY WORK***

Experts claim that the products below will keep bugs off:

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| Picaridin | biting flies, chiggers, mosquitoes, ticks |
| Oil of lemon eucalyptus | mosquitoes, ticks |
| IR3535 | biting flies, mosquitoes, ticks |

How long ingredients last will be on the back on the bottle, but the range is anywhere between one and twelve hours, depending upon the product. Some are shorter acting than others. Products containing 10 to 20 percent of the active ingredient are sufficient most of the time, according to researchers. Be certain to follow directions and carry the bottle with you for your outside activities.

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# Confirm H3N2v Influenza Case

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) laboratory has confirmed one case of what is known as the H3N2v influenza virus, which has now been reported in three states this year: Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. IDPH is working with local health officials to alert the public on ways to reduce the risk of transmission of this virus. The confirmed case is a Boone County child with mild symptoms who had contact with swine while helping an exhibitor at the DuPage County Fair which was held in late July.

H3N2v is a variant form of influenza A, which was first detected in swine in 2011 and the first human cases were reported in 2012, including four cases in Illinois. The CDC is currently reporting more than a dozen cases in the U.S. this year. All infections in 2013 have occurred in people following contact with swine, and cases of the virus being transmitted from person to person are rare. So far, the severity of illnesses associated with this virus in people has been similar to the severity of illnesses associated with seasonal flu virus infections.

Tips to avoid influenza include:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water before and after exposure to animals.
- Do not take food or drinks into animal areas, do not eat, drink or put anything in your mouth while visiting animal areas.
- Do not take toys, pacifiers, cups, baby bottles, strollers or similar items into animal areas.
- Avoid close contact with animals, especially swine.
- Avoid contact with animals if you have influenza-like symptoms.
- Use caution when deciding to visit an animal area if you have an underlying health condition or if persons are younger than 5 years or older than 65 years or pregnant.

Influenza is contracted through droplets when an infected person or animal coughs or sneezes. Those droplets can either be inhaled or can be on a surface you touch with your hand, and then touch your mouth or nose.

Influenza symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache and fatigue. Illness can last a week or two. Certain people have a higher risk of serious infection from influenza including the very young, elderly, pregnant women, people with weakened immune systems and those with asthma, diabetes and heart disease. If you have, or do come into contact with swine and are experiencing influenza symptoms, contact your health care provider.

# MetroSouth Offers $39 Sports Physicals

MetroSouth Medical Center family medicine physicians are now making it easy to get your student ready for participating in extracurricular athletic programs at school. This summer, sports physicals are just $39 at most MetroSouth Health Center locations. This comprehensive pre-participation physical examination (PPE) includes a medical history, sport-specific history and a physical exam.

Most organized sports leagues require a child to have a (PPE) prior to participation in middle school and high school sports, and even some elementary school leagues. While many parents deem this unnecessary for their healthy child, this physical can help ensure your child is not only in good shape to play, but also possibly detect any conditions that may be life threatening.

The goal of the PPE is to assess your child's general health and current fitness level. The physical is advantageous because it can also detect health conditions that require immediate attention such as:

- Medical or orthopedic problems that predispose the child to injuries
- Existing injuries that may impair the athlete's ability to perform
- Current size and developmental maturation, as well as fitness level
- Congenital anomalies that increase the child's risk of injury
- Poor pre-participation conditioning that may put the child at increased risk

During the physical exam, the doctor or nurse practitioner will:

- Measure height and weight
- Take blood pressure
- Listen to the heart and lungs
- Feel the abdomen
- Examine the ears, nose, throat and vision
- Test strength and flexibility

This routine exam is an excellent opportunity for parents to ask the doctor questions about exercise, diet, potential injuries and other health related issues.

If your child is playing a sport this season, and you're looking for a doctor for your family, visit the "Find-A-Physician" tab on our homepage to find a doctor who is right for you, or call (708) 489-7925.

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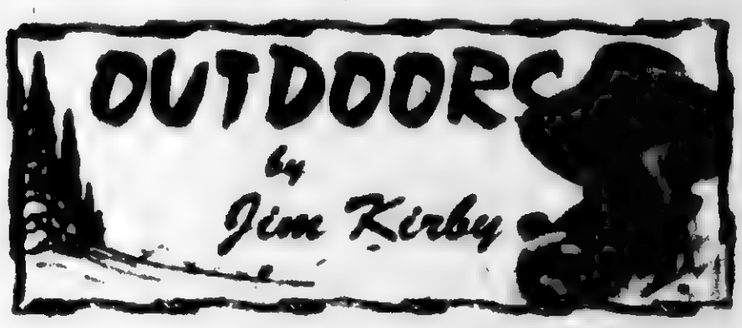
At this fun event, participants will move from table to table with just several minutes to acquaint themselves. When the time is up, participants will move to a different table to chat with someone new for the next five minutes, and so on.
Maybe a romantic connection will develop, or maybe guests will meet a new friend or two! At the end of the event, participants can exchange numbers if they choose, but it is not necessary. Regardless of the outcome, it's sure to be a fun evening of socializing.
Admission to this fun event is a monetary or food donation to the Orland Township Food Pantry and includes complimentary appetizers, soft drinks, dancing and socializing! A cash bar will also be available.
Call (708) 403-4222 to register today!




**ILLINOIS STATE FAIR-SOMETHING FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO ENJOY THIS WEEKEND:** Visit Conservation World. Enjoy free family-oriented entertainment and youth activities at Conservation World during the Illinois State Fair Aug. 9-18 in Springfield. Kids can try to catch a fish or practice their skills at the archery and BB gun ranges. Visitors will also find plenty of things to do, and a shady place to sit on a park bench and relax while visiting Conservation World – open from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. each weekday and 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. each weekend day of the Illinois State Fair.

**■NEW HUNTING AND TRAPPING DIGEST:** The Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2013-2014 edition is now available to view online in PDF format through the IDNR website. *www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Documents/HuntTrapDigest.pdf*

**■FIREARM DEER PERMITS:** Permit applications will be accepted from Aug. 13 through Sept. 9 for random daily drawings for 2013 Illinois firearm and muzzleloader deer permits; for details, *www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/deer*.

**■RESIDENT ARCHERY DEER AND FALL TURKEY PERMITS:** Resident combination archery deer permits, resident antlerless-only archery deer permits, and resident archery fall turkey hunting permits are now available over the counter from DNR Direct license and permit vendors, as are non-resident permits. For more information, go to *http://dnr.illinois.gov/DNRDirect/Pages/Vendor Listing.aspx*.

**■YOUTH DEER PERMITS:** Resident and non-resident Illinois Youth Firearm Deer permits are available over-the-counter from DNR Direct license and permit vendors by phone at 1-888-674-7648 or online at *www.dnr.illinois.gov* through Aug. 31 (O.K. only after Aug. 31). The Youth Deer Hunt is Columbus Day weekend, the second weekend in October.

**■AUGUST HOT CATCHES REPORT:** Great catches have been made all over the world this month according to the International Game Fish Association Hot Catches Report. Potential world records are challenging records for grass carp, muskie, walleye and zander in the freshwater world. All of the record applications in this month's update are for fish that have been released to grow even bigger – great news for all the record seekers around the world. **Junichi Inada** pulled a 97 cm grass carp from the Senba River in Japan while soaking a piece of wet bread. The current record stands at 92 cm. **Julia Grace Ketner** landed a 19 lb-13 oz muskellunge on Lake Chautauqua in New York throwing a Wiley lure. The current record is 12 lb-4 oz. **James Schmid** of Colorado landed a 69 cm walleye on May 24 while fishing Canada's famed Lake Diefenbaker. The current record is 62 cm. *(IGFA News Release Aug. 8, 2013)*

**■OUTDOOR CALENDAR: Sept. 1:** Signaling the opening of the hunting season, dove hunting hours are sunrise to sunset and the daily limit is 15, possession limit 30. Be advised that doves are considered migratory and as such are subject to federal and state regulations including registration with HIP (National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program). *The early Canada goose season also opens on Sept. 1. Hours are ½ hour before sunrise to sunset, daily limit 5 in the northern zone. **Sept. 28-29:** Hunter Safety Course, Mokena Park District.

**■LAWSUIT FILED IN MILLION-DOLLAR STRIPED BASS DISPUTE:** Attorneys representing angler **Rodney Ply** filed a lawsuit against the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) last month, the latest action taken in the continuing saga of Ply's record-sized striped bass.

Ply caught the huge striper in February of 2012 while participating in Mustad's "Hook-a-Million" contest. According to the rules, participating anglers who catch a state record will be awarded $100,000, while anyone lucky enough to land a world record could take home $1 million. Ply's massive bass clocked in at 68 pounds. It was heavier than the state record by four pounds and narrowly beat out the largest ever recorded by a half-pound. At the time, Ply thought he was a shoe-in for the prize money.

The trouble first began when Arkansas officials refused his application for the state record due to the fact that the scale Ply used was not officially certified. When Ply later tried to appeal the decision using a certified scale and the aid of witnesses, he was told by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission that he did not follow "proper post-catch protocol." Similarly, the authority on world records, IGFA, also determined that Ply's catch was unacceptable. After deliberation, IGFA officials decided that Ply's homemade "bass tracker lure" was in fact a spreader-bar arrangement, not unlike an Alabama rig, thus disqualifying Ply's bass for record keeping. Now Ply is taking the fight to the courts.

*"I can appreciate Ply's problem, having is few years ago holding the 'World Record' for a Brook Trout class line category, and being enshrined in the 'Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame.' I had to submit photos, line samples and witness statements."*

**■THINK ABOUT IT:** *"You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong." (Abraham Lincoln)*

# "Birdies For Charity"

On Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, the third annual "Birdies for Charity" event will take place at the River Forest Country Club in suburban Chicago. The event aims to raise a collective $500,000 for JDRF, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana and Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, through the Illinois PGA Foundation, which serves as the charitable arm of the Illinois Section PGA. For each birdie made by PGA professionals throughout the day, fans can make a monetary contribution.

"The Birdies for Charity fundraiser is a great way to give back to the community while utilizing one of America's favorite games – golf – as a platform," said Tres VanDyke, Chairman of PGA Illinois Foundation. "Last year we were able to raise $80,000 during the event, and this year our goal is to distribute $100,000 to the four remarkable organizations participating."

Throughout the day, more than 20 PGA professionals from around Illinois will play 72 holes. For each birdie made, family, friends, club members and fans have the chance to make a direct donation. Those who would like to contribute can log on to www.golfgiving.org/BirdiesforCharity3, choose a particular player to sponsor and set a donation level.

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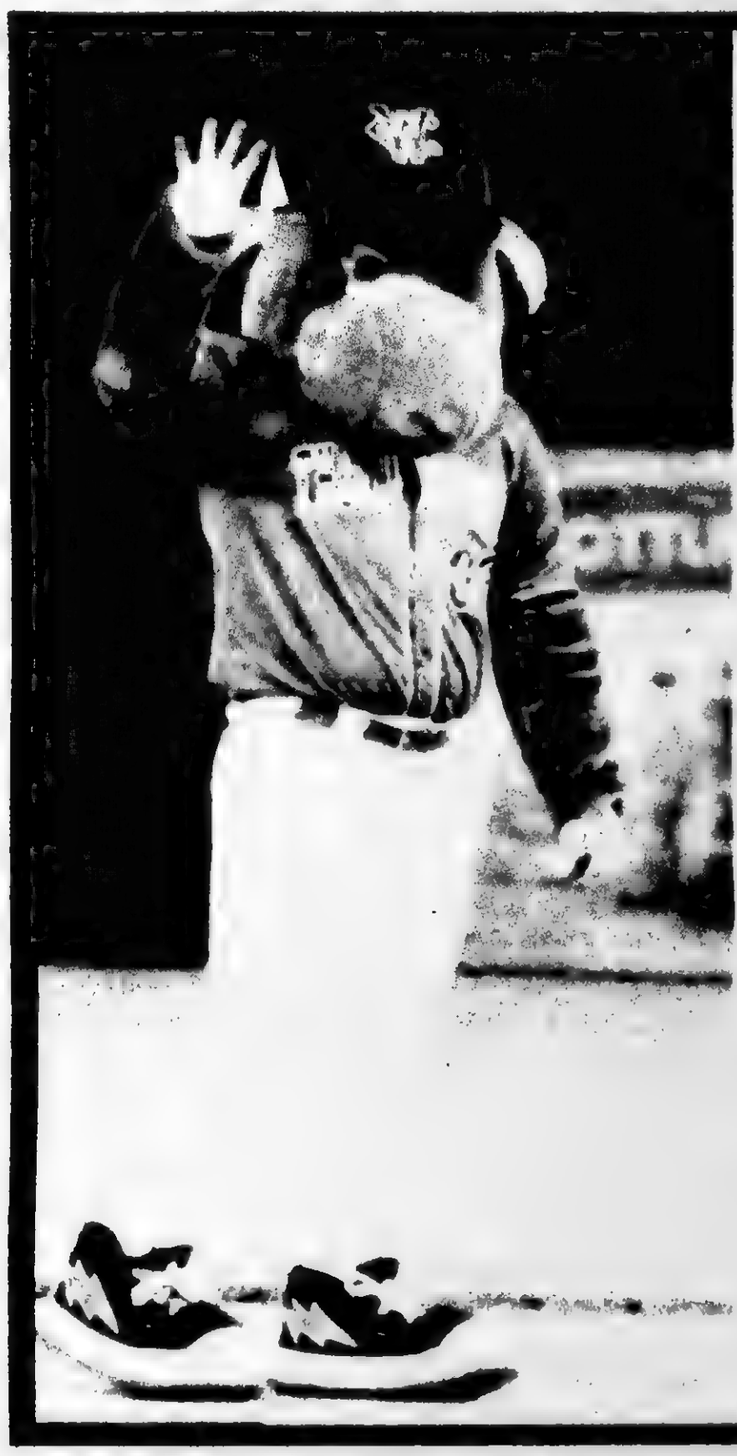
This event is part of the Calumet Outdoors Series, a collection of monthly hikes and canoe/kayak events throughout Northwest Indiana and the Chicago Southland. This series is sponsored by several Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana organizations that focus on promoting the outdoor assets of the Calumet Region. For more information on this or future events contact Lisa Scaga, series coordinator at (773) 403-9113, or email at cmcscaga@gmail.com.

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## Oak Lawn Police Calls

On July 24, Julian P. Ward of Glenwood, was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident after a traffic stop in the 9900 block of Southwest Highway.

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On July 25, Terrell J. McCambry of Chicago was arrested for felony counts of retail theft and theft after he stole a bicycle and fled Sports Authority at 99th and Cicero. After leading police on a chase through the neighborhood, the police found him carrying a backpack containing three pairs of shoes and he was riding the bicycle that was also taken from the store.

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On July 25, Gerald Tyszko of Oak Lawn was arrested for assault and filing a false police report which is a felony. Following an altercation with an employee of the State Road Tobacco Store at 87th and Ridgeland, Tyszko called the police from his home claiming the employee attacked him in the store. However police viewed video surveillance and talked to witnesses and determined that Tyszko was the aggressor.

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On July 27, John Evans of Chicago was seen trying to break a window of a vehicle and stealing a construction saw as the vehicle was parked in the HOBO parking lot at 87th and Cicero. The owner of the vehicle saw Evans take the saw. He said Evans gave him $60 and fled after the victim told him to give it back. Evans was stopped in the 5100 block of S. Cicero after being stopped by a Chicago police officer.

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On July 27, Sonterier M. Jackson of Park Forest was arrested for speeding, driving on a suspended license and having an obstructed and defective windshield after a traffic stop at 99th and Kilbourn. She was clocked driving 44 mph in a 25 mph zone.

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On July 28 it was reported that two air conditioning units were stolen from outside an apartment building in the 4700 block of W. 105th Street. The property owner discovered they were missing and the pipes were cut and the units were disconnected from the power source.

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On July 29, Caitlin Fallon Dunn of Oak Lawn was arrested for driving on a revoked license following a vehicle accident at 101st and Keeler.

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On July 30, Miguel A. Serna-Sota of Alsip was arrested for driving without a license and no insurance after a multiple-car crash in the 10500 block of S. Cicero.

# Electrical Burns Can Be Prevented

The Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is educating the public on the importance of electrical safety in an effort to prevent home fires, electrical burns and other serious injuries. Electrical related injuries and burns may result in serious tissue, nerve or muscle damage.

Nearly 1,000 people in the United States die each year as a result of electrical burns. Knowing the seriousness of the burns, seeking medical attention must be immediate. Electrical burns occur when a person is directly exposed to an electrical current, including an alternating current or a direct current. Shock related injuries may vary depending on the level of electrical exposure. Some electrical burns may look minor, but in many cases they can cause internal damage, especially to the heart, muscles or the brain. In those cases, electrical burns could be deadly.

OSFM recommends the following steps to prevent electrical incidents:

- Replace or repair damaged or loose electrical cords.
- Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets.
- In homes with small children, make sure your home has tamper-resistant (TR) receptacles.
- Consider having additional circuits or outlets added by a qualified electrician so excess extension cords are not needed.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for plugging an appliance into a receptacle outlet.
- Avoid overloading outlets. Plug only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet at a time.
- If outlets or switches feel warm, frequently blow fuses or trip circuits, flicker or dim lights, call a qualified electrician.
- Place lamps on level surfaces, away from things that can burn and use bulbs that match the lamp's recommended wattage.
- Make sure your home has ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) in the kitchen, bathroom(s), laundry, basement, and outdoor areas.
- Arc-fault circuit interrupters (AFCI) should be installed in your home to protect electrical outlets.

NFPA and OSFM also warn about outdoor electrical dangers that can pose safety risks to children. Adults should inspect areas where children play to identify situations that could potentially turn dangerous. The following are tips to put in practice to avoid any chances of electrical accidents:

- Children should not be allowed to sit on electrical equipment enclosures and boxes. Equipment that has been damaged or not maintained can present a shock hazard.
- Do not play or fly kites near power lines. If a kite gets caught in the power line, let go of the kite immediately.
- If you see power lines on the ground, report it immediately and stay away.
- If there is lightning, seek shelter indoors right away.
- Do not bring items plugged into an electrical outlet near water or a swimming pool. Ask an adult before bringing toys into the pool.
- If you notice electrical equipment in a state of disrepair or damaged, report it to local officials or personnel within the premises.

For more information on electrical burns and fire safety visit OSFM webpage at: www.stm.illinois.gov

# School Picnic And Outdoor Worship Service

The Annual Saint Paul Picnic will be held on Sunday, Aug. 25th, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. outdoor worship service, in the picnic grove behind the school. The 8 a.m. worship service will be held indoors, as usual. Great food at very reasonable prices will be served at 12:30 p.m. and throughout the afternoon. Enjoy the dollar menu of delicious brats, Italian sausage, hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken kabobs. A variety of food items such as corn-on-the-cob, sauerkraut, homemade German potato salad and desserts, and a selection of beverages will be served.

Join in the fun, games, gifts and prizes for children and adults! Have your face painted by "Cup Kakes" the clown or take a chance and purchase a raffle ticket. You may be one of the lucky ones who win a grand prize! Spend a delightful day with family and friends. Join in for worship then stay for the picnic, or come at 12:30 p.m. for an afternoon of FUN! St. Paul Church is located at 4660 W. 94th St. (just one block east of Cicero Ave.). If you have any questions, call the church office at (708) 423-1040.


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# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Army National Guard Pvt. Jesse E. Huerta has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. Huerta is the son of Denise Gonzales of Posen. He is a 2008 graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian.

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Governor Pat Quinn signed six acts into law at two events this weekend. His first visit was to Hero Street in Silvis, Il. on Saturday, Aug. 10th, and the second to Veterans Day at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield on Sunday, Aug. 11th.

The new laws signed at the Hero Street event included House Bill 2353, which allows veterans using Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to be considered as in-state students for veterans for the purpose of tuition in state-supported institutions of higher learning in Illinois, resulting in veterans being better able to afford a full education. This will also help draw talented young veterans to Illinois Universities. HB 2353 was sponsored by Rep. Kathleen Willis (D-Northlake) and is effective immediately.

Senate Bill 2229, sponsored by State Sen. Mike Frerichs (D-Champaign) and State Rep. Deborah Conroy (D-Villa Park), anyone with at least ten years of service in the Illinois National Guard will be eligible for six years of tuition waivers instead of the current maximum of four years, recognizing that older service members may take a longer time to complete their studies. The new waiver takes effect in the upcoming 2013-14 school year.

The new laws signed by Governor Quinn on Veterans' Day at the Fair included. House Bill 3346, sponsored by State Rep. Barbara Wheeler (R-Crystal Lake) and State Sen. Pamela Althoff (R-McHenry), requires the Illinois Discharged Service Member Task Force to evaluate the needs of women veterans and, as part of its FY2014 report, make recommendations regarding how to meet those needs. The law goes into effect immediately.

House Bill 2408, sponsored by State Rep. Jerry Costello II (D-Belleville) and State Sen. Michael Hastings (D-Matteson), allows small veterans-owned and service-disabled businesses to also register as minority, disabled and women-owned businesses when applicable, giving these businesses more opportunity to do business with the state of Illinois. The law goes into effect immediately.

Senate Bill 1824, sponsored by State Sen. John M. Sullivan (D-Rushville) and State Rep. Joe Sosnowski (R-Rockford), requires those who build veteran memorials on public property to raise enough funds to cover the maintenance and preservation of the memorial as well as its construction. The law goes into effect immediately.

Senate Bill 2231, sponsored by State Sen. Kwame Raoul (D-Chicago) and State Sen. Natalie Manley (D-Joliet), increases penalties for criminal damage and defacement of veteran and military memorials. The law goes into effect Jan. 1, 2014.

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Veterans who have returned from Iraq and or Afghanistan are invited to a free golf outing Sept. 6th at Broken Arrow Golf Club, 16325 W. Broken Arrow Drive in Lockport, hosted by the Lockport Veterans Commission. This is the second year the Veterans Commission is hosting the golf outing.

The first 150 veterans to register will get a free round of golf, a steak ribs chicken dinner and prizes. Veterans must be at least 21 to participate in the golf outing. The golf is for veterans only, however, their families are invited to join them for dinner. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Dinner with entertainment begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information and to register, call Niehaus at (708) 567-5382.

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"Did you know?" The first cars equipped with an ignition key were manufactured in 1949.

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Quote of the Week: As I grow older, I pay less attention to what people say. I just watch what they do. Andrew Carnegie

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Good bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.

# When Traveling With Kids Be Car Seat Smart

(NAPSA) Road trips with children can be daunting, but with AAA's expert advice, your next family car trip can be both safe and fun.

- Involve your children early on when planning a road trip. Let them help decide places to stop.
- Give kids a map so they can see where you are and how far it is to your destination.
- Remember, loose items in the car can be dangerous in a crash or just a sudden stop. Keep loose items in the trunk, a console or under a cargo net.
- Be sure children are secure in the proper car seats. Each year, more than 1,000 kids die and 170,000 are injured in car crashes but giving them the proper protection will help keep them safe.

Following these best practice recommendations will ensure your children are as safe as possible on the road.

First, remember that the backseat is the safest place for all kids under 13. Toddlers should be kept in rear-facing seats for as long as possible, until reaching the height or weight limits of the car seat, typically around age 2. Children who have outgrown the harnesses on their forward-facing car seats can use a booster seat to help position them so the lap shoulder belt fits properly across their hips and upper thighs and across their chest and collarbone. The American Academy of Pediatrics says children should remain in a booster seat until they have reached 4'9" in height, which is typically between ages 8 and 12. A child is ready to move from a booster seat to a lap shoulder belt if the following criteria are met:

- The child can sit all the way back against the vehicle seat.
- The child's knees can bend comfortably at the edge of the vehicle seat.
- The lap shoulder belt crosses the child's shoulder between the neck and arm and the lap belt remains low across the thighs and hips.
- And, the child can remain in this position for the duration of the ride.

Before heading out on your trip, be sure that your child's car seat is installed properly. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, three out of four car seats are incorrectly installed. It's important to read the owner's manual for both the vehicle and the car seat before attempting the installation. Fortunately, Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians are available to advise you. You can find them through an AAA office, by calling (866) SEATCHECK or by visiting www.seatcheck.org. Another way to protect children all over the country, the experts at AAA say, is to strengthen child passenger safety laws. Learn more at www.SafeSeats4Kids.AAA.com.

# Film Discussion Group

Worth Township Supervisor Kevin M. Hughes is asking for donations to the Apple Tree Program which provides school supplies for Township children in financial need.

The collection site is the Township building located at 11601 S. Pulaski in Alsip. Come to the main entrance at the south end of the building Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. On Fridays the hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A complete list of needed school supplies is on the website www.worthtownship.com. For additional information, call 708-371-2900, ext. 45.


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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 22, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 9, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] PLACE, [illegible], IL 60601. Property Index No. 14-22-[illegible]-[illegible]. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $[illegible]. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number 14-12-[illegible]. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA12-[illegible]. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 12 CH 4390. I [illegible] 3[illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA N.A. Plaintiff, v. [illegible] Defendants 12 CH 4390 [illegible] NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 19, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 9, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] PLACE, [illegible], IL 60601. Property Index No. 14-22-[illegible]. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $[illegible]. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file number 14-12-[illegible]. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Attorney File No. 14-12-[illegible] Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 12 CH 4390 TWO [illegible] NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 26, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 23, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] MELNARD AVENUE, OAK LAWN, IL 60453. Property Index No. 28-09-401-[illegible]. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION [illegible] Plaintiff, v. [illegible] Defendants [illegible] NOTICE OF SALE

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA12-[illegible]. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.jsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA12-[illegible] Attorney Code. 91220 Case Number: 12 CH 4390 I [illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION [illegible] Plaintiff, v. [illegible] Defendants [illegible] NOTICE OF SALE

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# Door-To-Door Sales Provides Easy Entry For Scammers

The world has become more digital and consumers are buying and selling more frequently online. However, that does not mean that door-to-door selling is going away.

"Concerns about door to door sales abound. From poor product quality to product delivery, there are many issues. History has taught us that door-to-door sales can be commendable because you interact with the salesperson once and never see them again," explained Steve J. Bernas, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois.

The door-to-door sales tactics are meant to be quick and trigger immediate decisions from customers, he said.

There are honest and fair door-to-door salespeople but some of the tactics used should cause consumers to be extra wary of any promises and commitments.

Bernas continued to speak about how research and reading the fine print can benefit consumers when it comes to purchasing products, especially from someone who shows up at your door.

"Checking out a business before making a purchase protects consumers and is exactly what the BBB has been advocating for years," Bernas said. "Consumers can do this by going to *bbbsi.org*".

Two of the most common door-to-door sales are magazine subscriptions and contractors.

**Magazine subscriptions.** Magazine sales account for a major portion of the complaints in this category. The most common involves consumers paying for magazines they never receive. Often, consumers say the sales representative misled them by claiming to work for a local school or charity fundraiser.

**Contractors.** Often, people selling these services come into an area that has been hit by a storm or other natural disaster. Residents who are stunned by the damage left behind want to quickly fix the problems, want to quickly fix the damage and return to their previous way of life are the most vulnerable to door-to-door sales tactics. Homeowners should check with their insurance companies and the BBB about any companies offering services.

A door-to-door scam is likely to include some of these signs:

**Fast talk**, the scammer will speak quickly, giving you less time to think about making a wise decision.

**Engaging**, the scammer will make you feel like they are your friend. Don't fall for this. Most of the time scammers are just looking to make a sale.

**Filling out papers immediately**, a scammer will begin filling out papers before you have made up your mind, making it hard for you to say no.

Here are some tips when dealing with door-to-door sales:

**Research the business.** Before making any decisions, take the time to research the business. Look them up on bbb.org and make sure they are legitimate.

**After researching the business, take the time to read all fine print.** Do not feel you must rush to look through any information if you have. Read it and make sure you fully understand. If you don't understand, ask questions.

**If you change your mind, act fast.** If you spend over $25, the Federal Trade Commission's "cooling-off" rule gives you three days to cancel for a full refund.

[illegible] scam, visit www.bbbsi.org.

# Offer Domestic Violence Training

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia will offer a 40-Hour Domestic Violence Awareness and Intervention Training to individuals who are interested in volunteering at the Crisis Center, as well as to other volunteers and professionals serving domestic abuse victims. Some of the topics covered during the training are: the definitions of domestic violence, myths and realities, the Cycle of Violence, types of abuse, direct service issues, safety planning, abuser profile, teen dating, issues in working with battered women and legal issues.

The program will begin the week of Sept. 16, in Tinley Park (specific location will be announced at a later date). Sessions take place from 6 to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, for a three week period. The program also requires three hours of observation in domestic violence court at the Markham or Bridgeview courthouse. Participants must attend all sessions to earn the 40-hour training certificate. The cost for the program is $250; the cost for students is $75 with proof of enrollment as a full- or part-time student.

To enroll in the program or to obtain additional information, contact Lisa Blair, Volunteer Coordinator at the Crisis Center, (708) 429-7255, ext. 124, or lisa@crisiscenter.org. Enrollment is limited and participants are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia's mission is to provide emergency shelter and other essential services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence and address the societal issues that contribute to domestic violence. The Center was founded in 1979. Visit www.crisiscenter.org for more information.

# *Resolution In Memory Of Reverend Greeley*

**The remarkable life of late Reverend Andrew Greeley (1928-2013) was a topic of reflection and honor at the recent meeting of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, with a reading of a Memorial Resolution sponsored by Commissioner John P. Daley. Rev. Greeley was a noted author, accomplished scholar, and inspirational leader. His devotion to his role as a Catholic priest never stopped him from speaking out when he disagreed with the leaders of the Church. He generously donated to charity large sums that he earned from sales of his best selling books. He leaves a legacy of compassion and courage that will long be remembered. Pictured with President Preckwinkle and Commissioner Daley are close friends and members of the Greeley family: Ann Durkin, June Roemer, Julie Montagne, Laura Durkin, Colleen Gollbelbecker and Eileen Durkin.**

# Help Critically Ill Children Get Necessary Nutrition For Recovery

For the first time, researchers investigated enteral nutrition and calorie requirements of RCs among critically ill children in a new report published in the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*. This study also showed the value of including registered dietitians on the medical team.

[illegible] critically ill adults has been an effective strategy to improve the healing process, being a simple approach with critically ill children. However, most practice standards [illegible] RCs are an inability to accurately [illegible] RCs are an inability to administer the CR because of fluid restriction, procedures [illegible] surgery. Despite these [illegible] believes that early enteral nutrition [illegible] considered in most Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) patients.

"Our main object [illegible] was [illegible] practice of early documentation [illegible] of calorie requirement in the medical record of critically ill children to determine if this would have any effect on their daily calorie intake and the route of nutrition being used to provide them with nutritional support," says lead investigator Martin Wakcham, MD, FAAP, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Pediatric Critical Care, Medical College of Wisconsin, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. "We hypothesized that there would be a higher total daily calorie intake and more frequent use of enteral nutrition when a CR is estimated and documented in the medical record within 48 hours of PICU admission."

Five PICUs participated in the study. Four of these units were located in independent children's hospitals and one was part of a large university hospital. The study team collected and analyzed data from two sources. Medical records detailing the nutritional intake (nutrition route, quantity, content), presence or absence of an estimated CR, and 640 patients who were admitted between Jan. 1, 2007 and Dec. 31, 2008, aged between 30 days and 18 years, and remained in the PICU for 48 hours or more, and a multisite clinical database dedicated to data sharing and benchmarking among PICUs. Investigators also noted the type of provider when an estimated CR was present.

Careful analysis of data revealed that nearly 40 percent of the patients had a documented CR. Other findings include the following:

Compared to patients without a CR, these patients were younger, had a higher risk of mortality, and were less likely to be post-operative.

Patients were more likely to receive enteral nutrition [illegible] the first four days of admission to the PICU.

Patients had a higher total daily calorie intake by enteral route and parenteral route [illegible] the first four days [illegible] the PICU.

More [illegible] patients received an estimated CR [illegible] than the World Health Organization's calculated resting energy expenditure (REE).

A registered dietitian determined the documented CR in more than 90 percent of the cases.

A CR documented in the medical record is evidence that at least a member of the health care delivery team included nutritional support and therapy in the treatment plan for that particular patient. Likewise, not having a CR present in the medical record might be evidence that the subject of nutritional therapy was never addressed in those patients," says Dr. Wakcham. "Another interesting finding is that almost all of the CRs present early in the medical records were entered by a registered dietitian and not by an attending physician or other medical care provider. This finding illustrates the favorable and important impact that registered dietitians can have on the nutritional outcomes of PICU patients."

# Southside Shooters Tryouts

Southside Shooters Boys Basketball try-outs/organizational meeting for the 2013-14 teams will take place Friday, Sept. 6th at Moraine Valley Community College.

Grades 4-6 from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., two new teams are forming. Grade 6: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., spots open. Grades 7-8: 7:45 to 8:45 p.m., 7th grade two teams with 12 spots open, 8th one spot open.

For more information, call Bill Finn at (708) 598-0130, or coachfinn34@yahoo.com.

# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Frieda G. Bender**

Services were held at the Krueger Funeral Home, Blue Island, on Friday, with a private interment for Frieda G. Bender, 100. She was a former longtime resident of Blue Island and the wife of the late Raymond W.

She is survived by her children Ruth (David) Larson, David (Sandra), and Mary Cohen, eleven grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and twelve great-great-grandchildren and her sister Karleen Stark.

**Kathleen G. Connors**

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Kathleen G. Connors.

She is survived by her husband Gerald DDS, her children Gerald Jr. (Lisa), Christine (John) Joyce, Kevin (Kathryn), and Kathryn Connors, seven grandchildren, her brothers James Jr. (Maureen) Gardner, John (Paula) Gardner OD, and her sister Mary Alene (Patrick) Quinn.

**William M. Gleason**

Mass was said at our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, on Monday, with a private interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for William M. Gleason, 57, of Oak Lawn. He was a carpenter and a member of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenter's Local 1693.

He is survived by his sisters Diane Worstell, Kathleen (Harold) Saving, Marianne (James) McKevitt, Laura Burke and Elizabeth (Daniel) Duschene and his brother Edward Gleason.

**Kenneth Jadzak**

Services were held at the Gerardi Funeral Home, Frankfort, on Wednesday, with a private Interment, for Kenneth Jadzak, 74, late of Frankfort. He was the husband of the late Pearl "Penny."

He is survived by his children Karen (David) Sipka, Michael (Lisa), and Brian (Michelle), seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Lois F. Johnson**

Services were held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, on Thursday, Aug. 15, with interment at Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, for Lois F. Johnson, a resident of Midlothian since 1965. She was the wife of the late Carl Johnson.

She is survived by her children Shirley (Rob) Comparin, Carol Teeborg, Elaine Scheieber and Robert (Barbara) Johnson, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Elvy I. Joritz**

Services were held at the Andrew J. McGann and Son Funeral Home, Chicago, with interment at Mt. Vernon Memorial Estates Cemetery, for Elvy I. Joritz, 88, the wife of the late Henry "Hank."

She is survived by her children Lawrence (Donna), Doris, Robert (Ann), Carol (Gregg) Pardus, and Elaine (Paul) Bader, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

**Loretta A. Laucke**

Services were held on Saturday, at Zion Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, with interment in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, for Loretta A. Laucke, 93, late of Tinley Park. She was the wife of the late Herman.

She is survived by her son Alan Laucke, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Anne S. LaVine-Ford**

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery, for Anne S. "Peggy" LaVine-Ford, 92, of Tinley Park, formerly of Palos Hills and Treasure Island, Fl. She was the wife of the late Rudy LaVine and the late Leo Ford.

She is survived by her children Anton (Judy) LaVine, Ted (Pat) LaVine, James (Linda) LaVine and Rudy (Michelle) LaVine Jr., thirteen grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren.

**Joan G. Padden**

Mass will be said at St. Barnabas Church, 10134 S. Longwood Drive, Chicago, on Thursday, August 15, at 10 a.m., with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Joan G. Padden. She was 85. She was the wife of the late David H. She was a lifelong member of St. Barnabas Parish and an alumnae of the Academy of Our Lady and Mount Mary College in Milwaukee.

She is survived by her children Kevin (Nina), James (Kelly), Mary (Mark) Massey, Michael (Sheila), Nancy (Bob) Barrett, Katie (Dan) Hansen, and Sue (Tony) Kuligowski, fifteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and her siblings Jack (Lois) Gallagher, Rosalie (Robert) Lawinger, Peggy (Tom) Gutrich, and Nancy McCready.

**Dana Patricia Pellegrino**

A Memorial Mass was said on Saturday, Aug. 10th at St. Patricia's Church, Hickory Hills for Dana Patricia Pellegrino, 81. She was the wife of the late Joseph.

She is survived by her children Sharon (James) Dugan and Joseph Pellegrino, twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and her twin sister Dawn Fortier.

**Alice M. Piwowarski**

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Tuesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Alice M. Piwowarski of Oak Forest. She was 86 years old. She was the wife of the late Theodore M.

She is survived by her children Alice M., Theodore M., Jr. Carole (Ronald) Wisniewski, and Edward (Sherri), thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Stanley D. Pukelis**

Mass was said at St. Cajetan Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for Stanley D. Pukelis. He was a veteran and the husband of the late Irene.

He is survived by his son John and three siblings.

**Margaret J. Taylor**

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Burbank, on Wednesday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Margaret J. "Jeannie" Taylor. She was the wife of the late Olin.

She is survived by her children Lorna, Mary and Tim (Bobbie) Taylor, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Edward Wroblewski**

A graveside service was held on Tuesday at the Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery in Alsip for Edward "Sparrow" Wroblewski, 77. He was the owner of Sparrow Tap in Harvey for many years. He was an Army Veteran.

He is survived by his children Cynthia (Larry) Smith and Thomas (Morena) Wroblewski, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and his brother Richard (Joy) Wroblewski.

**John L. Woodville Sr.**

Mass was said at St. Terrence Church, Alsip on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John L. Woodville, Sr., 95. He was a Veteran of WWII serving with the Army Air Corp. He was one of the founders and past presidents of the Alsip Merrionette Library and a retired Chicago Vocational School Teacher.

He is survived by his wife Mildred, his son John L. (Deb) Woodville Jr., two grandchildren and his niece Sally.


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# JROTC Cadets Attend Leadership School

**Selected to attend Summer Leadership School, a half dozen U.S. Air Force JROTC cadets from Shepard High School could hardly have made more of their summers.**

**They joined nearly 150 other USAF JROTC students from Illinois, Alabama, Missouri, Missouri, Mississippi and Wisconsin. The experience blended physical training, team building, and an opportunity to glimpse life as an Air Force officer.**

**"There were lots of team building and leadership activities, as well as demonstrations from the Honor Guard, military working dogs, and tours of various Air Force work centers," said Major Dan Johnson, the senior aeronautical science instructor at Shepard.**

**Security forces day always proves a highlight**

**That day, students receive a glimpse of deployed life in the field. Air Force personnel bring weapons and vehicles employed by Air Force security forces.**

**Students explored Scott Air Force Base work centers such as airplane hangars, air traffic control, and civil engineering.**

**USAF assigns students to a flight of 10 other cadets. At the end of the SLS, each flight competes in a drill competition, and flights are recognized for their overall performance in athletics, room and uniform inspections, drill and ceremonies, and other aspects of training.**

**Shepard junior Josh Reynolds won the Outstanding Cadet award from his flight.**

**The U.S. Air Force this year chose to name the top cadet honor for former Shepard student Arielle Terry. Arielle, a leader in the JROTC program, transferred to Homewood-Flossmoor High School at the start of her senior year in the fall of 2012. Tragically, she died after a short illness.**

**Nick Knoth, a student at O'Fallon High School in downstate Illinois, won the inaugural Arielle Terry Outstanding Cadet Award.**

**U.S. Air Force JROTC cadets from Shepard High School attended a Gateway Grizzlies minor league baseball game during their stay at Summer Leadership School at Scott Air Force Base near St. Louis.**

# Announce AWANA Start Date

Oak Lawn Bible Church has announced Wednesday, Sept 4 as the start date of their annual AWANA Club program AWANA is a weekly club that introduces children to Jesus Christ and builds a biblical foundation for faith The AWANA program is held on Wednesday nights from 7-8 30pm at the church located 9435 S. 54th Ave., Oak Lawn. Children from preschool through 5th grade participate in Cubbies, Sparks, and Truth & Training groups Sixth graders through high school age students can join Collide. Children need not be members of the church to attend There are small dues associated with participation in AWANA

An adult Bible Study also meets from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and welcomes the parents and guardians of those children attending AWANA. For more information about Oak Lawn Bible Church, visit its website at oaklawnbible.org, LIKE them on Facebook, call the church at (708) 857-9800 or send them an email at info@oaklawnbible.org

# Annual St. Paul Picnic

The Annual Saint Paul Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 25th, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. outdoor worship service, in the picnic grove behind the school. The 8 a.m. worship service will be held indoors, as usual. Great food at very reasonable prices will be served at 12:30 p.m. and throughout the afternoon. Enjoy the dollar menu of delicious brats, Italian sausage, hot dogs, hamburgers, and chicken kabobs. A variety of food items such as corn-on-the-cob, sauerkraut, homemade German potato salad and desserts, and a selection of beverages will be served

Join in the fun, games, gifts and prizes for children and adults! Have your face painted by "Cup Kakes" the clown or take a chance and purchase a raffle ticket. You may be one of the lucky ones who win a grand prize! Spend a delightful day with family and friends. Come for worship then stay for the picnic, or come at 12:30 p.m. for an afternoon of fun! St. Paul Church is located at 4660 West 94th Street, Oak Lawn (just one block east of Cicero Avenue). If you have any questions, call the church office at (708) 423-1040

# Ridgeland Avenue Corridor Study

Local residents are invited to join in the planning for the future of the Ridgeland Avenue Corridor. The Corridor Study focuses on improving access to Metra and Pace and developing recommendations that ensure safe and efficient movement of people while supporting the local residents and economy. The corridor intersects the communities of Burbank, Chicago Ridge, Oak Lawn, Worth, Alsip and Palos Heights. The project is being conducted in coordination with Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, Regional Transit Authority, Pace and Metra

The link to the survey is http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Ridgeland

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST 28 - Wednesday - Farmers Market, Dunke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 am to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday except Sept. 4th.)

AUGUST 28 - Wednesday - Green Team Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

AUGUST 29 - Thursday - Historic Preservation Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

AUGUST 29 - Thursday - Worth Township Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 3 - Tuesday - Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 4 - Wednesday - NO FARMERS MARKET

SEPTEMBER 4 - Wednesday - Appeals Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 5 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 5 - Thursday - Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center Auditorium, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 6 - Friday - Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 12:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 7 - Saturday - District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon

SEPTEMBER 9 - Monday - Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10 - Tuesday - OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10 - Tuesday - Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10 - Tuesday - VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

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# SXU's President Appointed To Illinois Board Of Higher Education

**Saint Xavier University President Christine M. Wiseman, J.D. (pictured), has been appointed to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE).**

**Gov. Pat Quinn on Aug. 7 announced that President Wiseman was among those appointed to the prestigious 16-member board, which is the coordinating agency that oversees the programs, activities and policies related to higher education within the state. Wiseman began serving as an acting member effective Aug. 7.**

**Wiseman has a long and successful history in higher education. She is the immediate past provost of Loyola University Chicago (2007-2010), where she also served as a tenured law professor. Prior to that, Wiseman was Vice President of Academic Affairs at Creighton University, where a scholarship for disadvantaged women was established in her name, and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Marquette University. From 2006 to 2012, she served on the Board of Trustees of St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia and was the chair of its Academic Affairs Committee.**

**Presently, Wiseman serves as Vice-Chair of the Presidents' Council on the Conference for Mercy Higher Education and as Secretary Treasurer for the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities, in addition to membership in the Economic Club of Chicago and the Chicago Network.**

**Wiseman also previously served as an officer or director of numerous organizations, including the North Central Association of Colleges & Schools: Wisconsin State Governing Board, the Wisconsin State Elections Board, Federal Defender Services of Eastern Wisconsin, Inc., the Wisconsin Supreme Court Board of Attorneys and Board of Bar Examiners, the Wisconsin State Public Defender Board, the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union board, and the Women's Fund of Greater Omaha Board.**

**Wiseman was named to the "100 Women of Influence" list in Today's Chicago Woman earlier this year. She was recognized as one of the "Most Powerful and Influential" women in Illinois by the National Diversity Council in 2010 and as a "Woman of Influence" by the Wisconsin Business Journal in 2000. She also received the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union Volunteer Attorney of the Year Award in 1989 for her Texas death row representation.**

# Distributor Charged With Computer & Mail Fraud

The Illinois Department of Revenue and Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office on July 31st announced that Mohammad Abaresh was charged with providing false information about tobacco sales for Suha & Janna Company to the company's tax preparer. The underreporting of more than $8.8 million in tobacco sales led to the filing of fraudulent tax returns costing the state more than $[illegible] million in unpaid tobacco and income taxes during 2010 and 2011.

"With the recent increase in tobacco taxes, the Department of Revenue is focusing resources on possible tax violators," said Brian Hamer, Director, Department of Revenue. "Sellers of these products who violate the tax laws should know that we are prepared to seek criminal penalties when we discover businesses that cheat."

Abaresh worked as the day-to-day manager for Suha & Janna Company, a licensed tobacco distributor in Illinois. He was responsible for providing sales information to the tax preparer for monthly and annual tax filings. In addition to his failure to report the appropriate amount of tobacco taxes, his underreporting led to understated income based on tobacco sales for the company's 2010 income tax return. In 2011, Suha & Company failed to file an Illinois income tax return.

"My office is committed to holding dishonest business owners accountable for defrauding the state and taxpayers," Madigan said.

The activities and scheme of this business was identified, developed, and investigated by the Illinois Department of Revenue, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, through tobacco enforcement activities.

# Felony Conviction For Failure To Secure Workman's Comp Insurance

The Illinois Worker's Compensation (IWCC), in conjunction with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office Special Prosecutions Division and the Cook County Sheriff's Office, has secured the first felony conviction for failure to secure workers' compensation insurance.

Mr. Ahmed Ghosien, d/b/a Ghosien European Auto Werks, refused to comply with Illinois law despite having been given several opportunities to become compliant. After aggressive enforcement efforts, on July 25, 2013, Mr. Ghosien entered a guilty plea to the Class 4 felony (People v. Ahmed Ghosien, 12 CR 20949). This is the first felony conviction against an employer for failure to obtain workers' compensation insurance since the penalty increase from a misdemeanor to a Class 4 felony, was introduced in 2005 and remained a critical part of Gov. Quinn's reforms to the Worker's Compensation Act in 2011.

"Employers who refuse to obtain workers' compensation insurance put their employees at risk, gain an unfair advantage over law-abiding competitors, and ultimately shift the cost of their business to Illinois taxpayers," said Michael P. Latz, Chairman, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission. "I commend the diligence of our investigators and this cooperative effort to help protect workers."

Mr. Ghosien operates a large European auto repair shop at 4001 1/2 Southwest Highway, in Hometown. IWCC found that Mr. Ghosien had never obtained workers' compensation insurance for mechanics working at the repair shop. IWCC served Mr. Ghosien a Notice of Non-Compliance in March, 2010 and on April 16, 2010, he secured the required insurance. IWCC also issued a fine for non-compliance against Mr. Ghosien, who signed a settlement agreement on July 13, 2010 agreeing to pay a fine amount of $25,000. Under the terms of the settlement agreement, he was to pay his fine at the rate of $5,000 per month for five months starting August, 2010.

However, Mr. Ghosien failed to make any of the agreed upon payments. Additionally, Mr. Ghosien's workers' compensation insurance was cancelled in December 2011 for non-payment of premium. Despite the IWCC's numerous attempts to bring Mr. Ghosein into compliance, he refused to get workers' compensation insurance or pay his fine to the Commission. Mr. Ghosien finally secured a new workers' compensation policy in February, 2013, but only after he learned of the criminal indictment.

The IWCC's Insurance Compliance Unit, the Cook County Sheriff's Office and the Cook County State's Attorney's Special Prosecutions Division worked together to secure a felony indictment against Mr. Ghosien on November 7, 2012 for violation of 820 ILCS 305/4(d). The case was continued several times. On July 25, 2013, Mr. Ghosien entered a guilty plea to the Class 4 felony. Mr. Ghosien is required to return to court in October 2013 for sentencing, pursuant to the plea agreement and to pay a fine of $25,000.

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# Register For Brookfield Zoo's Zoo Run Run

Everyone is welcome to gallop, scurry, and trot alongside the animals at Brookfield Zoo's Zoo Run Run for the Conservation Fund, a fundraiser that supports threatened species and their environments. The 5K race promises to be a wildly fun time on Sunday, September 22, and registered participants may bring family and friends to cheer them on and enjoy the zoo afterwards at no additional charge.

Zoo Run Run features a choice between a 5K chip-timed run and a 5K fun run walk. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Chicago Zoological Society's Conservation Fund, which supports research and education efforts around the world and at Brookfield Zoo, including the Center for the Science of Animal Welfare and the Center for Conservation Leadership.

The chip-timed run begins at 8:30 a.m. in the zoo's Discovery Center parking lot, with the fun run walk starting at 8:50 a.m. The course will take participants under a forest canopy of 100-year-old oak trees and will continue past the Andean condors near The Living Coast, the bison at Great Bear Wilderness, the giraffes, zebras, and camels along 31st Street, the kangaroos at Australia House, and the endangered black rhinos outside Pachyderm House. The final stretch of the run will take participants past the lions, sloth bears, tigers, and snow leopards.

Runners can register as individuals or maximize their fun by forming a race team. The more funds that participants raise for the Conservation Fund, the more prizes they win.

- Those who raise $100 receive a special long-sleeve commemorative Zoo Run Run shirt.
- Those who raise $250 receive a $25 Brookfield Zoo gift certificate plus the previous level's prize.
- Those who raise $500 receive a $50 Brookfield Zoo gift certificate and a complimentary upgrade on his/her next zoo membership plus the previous levels' prizes.
- Those who raise $750 receive two tickets to Nights in the Wild, the exotic dinner experience at Brookfield Zoo, plus the previous levels' prizes.
- Those who raise $1,000 receive a voucher for a Backstage Adventures experience at Brookfield Zoo plus the previous levels' prizes.
- The top fundraiser receives two American Airlines tickets and a special meeting with Brookfield Zoo Grevy's zebras, plus the previous levels' prizes.

In addition to individual fundraising prizes, teams are eligible to win prizes. Each team that raises $2,500 or more will receive a private reception for 20 that includes a unique animal experience at Brookfield Zoo. All members of teams are eligible to win the individual prizes listed above as well.

The early registration fee for the chip-timed race is $35 ($30 for Brookfield Zoo members), and the fee for the fun run walk is $30 ($25 for Brookfield Zoo members). For participants who register on the event day, the fee is $40 for the chip-timed race and $35 for the fun run walk (there is no member discount on race day). Zoo Run Run is sponsored by Walgreens, Aquafina, Gatorade, and American Airlines. Details of race packet pickup will be announced closer to the race date. For further information and to register as an individual or a team, go to CZS.org/ZooRunRun.

The Chicago Zoological Society inspires conservation leadership by connecting people with wildlife and nature. The Chicago Zoological Society is a private nonprofit organization that operates Brookfield Zoo on land owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. The Society is known throughout the world for Brookfield Zoo's innovative, naturalistic, multispecies exhibits and for its international role in animal population management and wildlife conservation. For further information, visit www.CZS.org.

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# Governor Signs Law To Protect New Pet Owners

Governor Pat Quinn on Aug. 17th signed a new law that protects those who purchase dogs or cats from pet shops. The legislation gives buyers protection for pet purchases and helps to reduce the possibility of the emotional trauma that comes from losing a pet. The new law is part of Governor Quinn's commitment to protect pets and their owners, while ensuring that all animals in Illinois are treated ethically and responsibly.

"Our pets are part of our families, and it is a heartbreaking experience for anyone to go through when a new family member arrives home sick or dying," Governor Quinn said. "This law offers more protections against 'puppy mills' and gives people who purchase a new dog or cat more choices as they select a new pet."

Senate Bill 1639 was sponsored by State Senator Dan Kotowski (D-Park Ridge) and State Representative Michael Zalewski (D-Riverside). It gives those who purchase a dog or cat the option of a full refund, exchange or veterinarian bill compensation if a licensed veterinarian determines the animal was sick or diseased when purchased. The law also offers the same options if a veterinarian determines the animal has a congenital or hereditary condition that requires hospitalization, surgery or has caused its death. Pet shops must also provide buyers with each animal's medical history, and notify the Illinois Department of Agriculture immediately when they become aware of any contagious or potentially life-threatening diseases among the animals in their possession.

The new law does not apply to not-for-profit animal adoption operations such as animal shelters.

"This law will both protect consumers as well as our pets," Senator Kotowski said. "It will reduce the spread of diseases by discouraging breeders and pet stores from selling unhealthy dogs and cats."

"The main goal of this new law is to protect consumers and animals while encouraging pet stores to work with reliable and safe breeders, not the 'puppy mills' that purposely withhold medical information when selling to pet stores," Representative Zalewski said. "Illinois is now the 21st state to implement such a law, recognizing the importance of cracking down on unscrupulous practices and helping to minimize the heartache of losing a family pet."

# Private Sector Adds 7,100 Jobs In July

Illinois added 7,100 private sector jobs in July and the unemployment rate was 9.2 percent, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Illinois added 62,400 private sector jobs compared to July 2012. The data is seasonally adjusted.

"Three consecutive months of positive job numbers underscores the deliberate pace of our economic growth," IDES Director Jay Rowell said. "Three consecutive summers with an uptick in the unemployment rate here and elsewhere suggests a trend unrelated to job growth and merits watching."

Employers posted more than 195,000 help wanted ads in Illinois in July, the Conference Board stated. Nearly 80 percent were full time positions. The data is seasonally adjusted.

Illinois has added +244,300 private sector jobs since January 2010 when job growth returned following nearly two years of consecutive monthly declines. Leading growth sectors are Professional and Business Services (+110,100), Education and Health Services (+57,100), and Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+46,000). Government has lost the most jobs since January 2010, down -33,200.

Volatility has been the hallmark of this economic cycle. When compared to the previous month, Illinois recorded job growth in 31 months and job loss in 12. Unemployment fell in 24 months, increased in nine and was unchanged in 10. Sustained consumer confidence could reduce volatility.

The three-month moving average unemployment rate, which smoothes monthly volatility, was unchanged at 9.2 percent in July. In July 2013, the number of unemployed individuals increased slightly for the second time since March, up +4,200 (+0.7 percent) to 604,700. Total unemployed has fallen -147,500 (-19.6 percent) since early 2010 when the state unemployment rate peaked at 11.3 percent for the months of January and February.

The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and seeking employment. A person who exhausts benefits, or is ineligible, still will be reflected in the unemployment rate if they actively seek work. Historically, the national unemployment rate is lower than the state rate. The state rate has been lower than the national rate only six times since January 2000.

# Mass Casualty/Active Shooter Event

The Village of Oak Lawn in conjunction with Oak Lawn Community High School and Advocate Christ Medical Center are hosting a Full Scale Exercise to test response capabilities to a Mass Casualty Active Shooter Event on Sunday, Aug 25th. First Responders from over 25 local Police and Fire Departments along with representatives from local hospitals, Cook County, State and Federal Agencies will be participating in this Drill.

This exercise will test the capabilities of First Responders to respond to the immediate and long term implications of a Mass Casualty Active Shooter event and local hospitals ability to surge and treat Mass Trauma victims. This exercise is part of our ongoing commitment to Community Preparedness and School Safety.

This will be one of the largest Multi-Agency Events occurring in the state prior to the start of the new school season.

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## *Interstate Technology Partnership*

The states of Michigan and Illinois on Aug. 2nd announced the creation of an unprecedented interstate alliance to enable Illinois to access Michigan's Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), the technology that supports state Medicaid programs, as a shared service. Through the Illinois Michigan Program Alliance for Core Technology (IMPACT) project, Illinois will modernize its outdated MMIS system while saving taxpayers millions of dollars, versus implementing a costlier stand-alone system.

"This innovative and unprecedented alliance is a testament to the success of Michigan's Medicaid Management Information System, and the opportunity it presents for other states," said Nick Lyon, chief deputy director of the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH). "We anticipate a decrease in overall administrative costs for both states to make better use of program dollars which will help ensure better quality services for residents of both Michigan and Illinois."

Under federal law, each state must operate technology to support the "back-end" administrative functions of their Medicaid programs. MMIS allows for information retrieval and claims processing. Illinois, whose current legacy MMIS is more than 30 years old, has been working for over a decade on an economical way to implement a replacement system. By partnering with the state of Michigan, Illinois will effectively implement a modernized MMIS solution quickly and cost-effectively, while drastically reducing the high risk associated with such complex projects.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has confirmed that this approach is fully consistent with the applicable federal standards and regulations. CMS has encouraged states to utilize modern technology approaches in support of program goals and needs. MDCH, through a close partnership with the Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB), is able to capitalize on this opportunity to find solutions to drive the healthcare system toward a widespread network of shared, common technology and processes that support improved state administration of the Medicaid program.

Through this partnership, the cost for implementing the system will be significantly reduced from a conservative estimate of $190 million for a stand-alone system, to $85 million for implementation within the shared cloud model. Since the project is 90 percent federally-funded for implementation, this translates to a savings of $10 million for Illinois and $76 million to the federal government. The partnership is expected to save the state of Michigan 20 percent in operation and maintenance costs, as well as potentially $10 million over a five year period. In addition, anticipated operational savings of this partnership are estimated to be $196 million for the federal government and $57 million for Illinois over a five year period versus a traditional stand-alone system.

The first phase of the Michigan-Illinois system will launch in conjunction with the Michigan Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS), a federally certified system. Provider Enrollment deployment in early 2014 for the MDH, with full operational implementation is expected in 2016. In addition, the electronic Medicaid Incentive Payment Program (eMIPP) module implementation will also be part of phase one.

## *Chicago TIF Revenue Up 1%, Down 3% In Suburbs*

Cook County Clerk David Orr has released the 2012 TIF revenue report, which shows $723 million was collected in the 435 active tax increment financing (TIF) districts in Chicago and suburban Cook County.

Chicago will collect $457 million in TIF revenue for the 2012 tax year. Chicago's 2012 TIF revenue represents an increase of $3.3 million or 0.74 percent over 2011. The slight growth follows two years of TIF revenue declines – an 11 percent drop in 2011 and a 2 percent dip in 2010. Since 1986, $4.5 billion has been collected from Chicago TIFs.

"The city is making some headway by cancelling nine TIF districts, not adding any to the books, and posting more TIF information online," Orr said. "But there is a lot of room for improvement in accountability and equity, especially when so many taxpayer dollars are diverted into the Loop."

For example, Orr would like to see a comprehensive report on all Chicago TIFs that clearly demonstrates how much of the $5.5 billion has been spent, how much is earmarked, and how much is unencumbered.

Orr also urges Mayor Emanuel and the City Council to declare a TIF surplus – sooner rather than later – so Chicago Public Schools can get a much-needed funding infusion.

"How do we explain to school kids that gym, music and art classes are cancelled while profitable businesses are tapping into the city's tax base?" Orr said. "TIFs may have helped make downtown Chicago beautiful, but not enough is being done with TIF funds in the neighborhoods where they are needed most."

Chicago has returned $182 million in TIF surplus to Chicago Public Schools in the last five years, including $10.5 million last year. Orr said the city should be able to return more TIF money this summer to help plug CPS's budget hole.

Two years ago, Emanuel's TIF Reform Panel made recommendations to improve the city's use of TIFs, including matrices for determining surpluses, benchmarking performance and periodic reviews to determine if a TIF should be continued or revised. Orr said he is hopeful the city is moving toward these goals.

To view data on each TIF district, see these PDF sections of the TIF Report: Countywide summary, Chicago summary, Suburban summary, Tax Increment Agency Report.

## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford forwarded the following commentary to All Points regarding Moody's Downgrade of Illinois' University debt.

"As state leaders continue to put off work on necessary pension reform, Moody's Investors Service has more bad news for Illinois," said Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford. Moody's has downgraded $1.86 billion of debt issued by the University of Illinois, and lowered the ratings on six other state universities including Illinois State University, Southern Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, Northeastern Illinois University and Governors State University.

"Though these additional downgrades should sound an alarm, I am not sure state leaders will allow themselves to hear it," explained Treasurer Rutherford. "The Moody's report states that these universities are being downgraded because they rely heavily on the state of Illinois for finances, and as we should all know by this point, the state's pension funding crisis is suffocating other essential spending." Moody's did note that further inaction on pension reform will continue to add pressure to state operating appropriations.

"Illinois needs to have strong and competitive universities to offer a better future for our children," said Treasurer Rutherford. "My concern is that this could mean it will cost these universities more to borrow money for residence halls and classroom construction. State leaders need to make financial solvency a top priority right away."

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U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) sent All Points the following statement on reports the National Security Agency repeatedly violated privacy rules and sought to keep from disclosing the violations.

"I am extremely troubled by the latest reports alleging the National Security Agency repeatedly violated the privacy rights of Americans through the use of unauthorized surveillance. I am especially disturbed that the NSA, in violation of the law, potentially has actively sought to avoid disclosing these abuses, even if they are unintentional. If these reports are indeed true, they further point out the need to reform these security programs so all three branches of the federal government are actively involved in oversight and compliance so Americans can be assured their fundamental rights as citizens are not being violated. While I will always believe it is essential to protect the nation from terrorism, these disclosures about the NSA's practices only undermine the country's trust of those efforts. As an elected representative in Congress, I will be taking a hard look at these programs and making sure the necessary safeguards are in place to avoid abuse."

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Seeking to save lives and educate the public about the deadly consequences of indoor tanning, State Sen. Christine Radogno (R-Lemont) sponsored a new law that will ban the use of indoor tanning beds by children younger than 18.

Signed into law August 15, House Bill 188 Public Act 98-0349 prohibits those under 18 years of age from using UV tanning booths and equipment.

"I'm proud to say that Illinois is a leader in the ongoing fight against skin cancer," said Radogno. "When science and health care experts proved indoor tanning is a known carcinogen shown to increase the chance of melanoma by 75 percent for people under 35, I felt an obligation to sponsor this legislation. This bill will not only save lives, but hopefully educate parents and kids about the serious dangers associated with indoor tanning beds."

Current law bans those under age 14 from UV tanning, but allows minors between 14 and 17 to tan with a parent's permission. Radogno emphasized that "sunless" or spray-on tanning is exempt. It is the legislation. Phototherapy is also exempt, which applies to situations where a physician supervises tanning when it is necessary to treat a medical condition.

In addition to the health and public awareness benefits of the new law, Radogno noted it will level the playing field across the state for tanning businesses in communities, including Chicago and Springfield, which already have bans on minors tanning indoors.

The new law takes effect on January 1, 2014.

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Helping police officers detect and break up animal fighting operations are the goals of a new law signed by the governor and sponsored by State Senator Bill Cunningham.

Illinois police officers will now receive specialized training from a state law enforcement standards board that will aid a statewide crackdown on the growing number of dog-fighting rings. The training will also educate officers on appropriate procedures to subdue involved canines safely.

Animal fighting is a public safety issue and an animal welfare issue. Dogs are often bred, raised and trained specifically to fight for entertainment and financial gain. Those who force them to fight for their life have no regard for the animals' suffering. This law will also train law enforcement officers how to respond to animal abuse, cruelty and neglect.

"When police officers are trained in detecting and halting dog fighting we can stop this cruel, criminal activity," said Cunningham.

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Congratulations to the St. Rita Mustangs and Coach Mike Zunica on their 11-0 victory over Lyons Township. The victorious Varsity baseball team won the summer state baseball championship. Great job lads!

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On Friday evening, Aug. 30th, graduates and friends of the former Mendel Catholic High School will meet at 115 Bourbon Street Night Club, 3359 W. 115th Street in Merrionette Park for a "Mendel Night of Champions Gala" and the "2013 Installation of the Mendel Hall of Fame Inductees."

Twenty-three teams and 21 men will be inducted into the school's Hall of Fame. Guest speaker and the evening presenter will be Mendel All-American & Founder of KiDsGyM USA Tracy Campbell. He will be joined by Jack Vlazny, President of the Mendel Alumni Assn. and 2012 Man of the Year, Iolentine Friends of the Augustinian Order. Hundreds of former Mendel Men are anticipated for this monumental evening. Tickets are $80 person, $150 couple, and ages 6-20 $25 each. Kids under age 6 are free. Individual medals will be presented to all honored team members.

For more information and reservations call Mike Foley (773) 881-3800 follaw@sbcglobal.net or Joe Palumbo (312) 719-8765 mendel71@hotmail.com.

Celebrate the Mendel heritage and reconnect with classmates. It should be a great night to remember.

# MWRD Awards Long Awaited Disinfection Contracts

During its regular Board of Commissioners meeting held on Aug. 8, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) unanimously approved contracts to construct disinfection facilities at the Calumet and O'Brien Water Reclamation Plants (WRPs).

These projects have received significant support from state and regional leadership as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the MWRD have been working together to reduce untreated stormwater overflows into the waterways. In 2012, Governor Quinn, Mayor Emanuel and then U.S. EPA Director Lisa Jackson awarded the MWRD $10 million through the Illinois Jobs Now! capital program. That funding supplemented the $21 million in engineering and design costs needed to move the MWRD's disinfection facilities forward.

The Governor also directed the Illinois EPA (IEPA) and Illinois Finance Authority to expand the State Revolving Fund program as part of the Illinois Clean Water Initiative (ICWI), which makes low-interest loans to local governments for water infrastructure projects. Last spring, the Governor awarded a $250 million low interest loan to the MWRD to move forward with projects crucial for improving the water environment and protecting public health. Financed through the ICWI, the projects will create 2,000 construction-related jobs and support an additional 8,000 jobs in local communities. The ICWI funds gave the MWRD a tremendous boost and offered economical, low-interest rates for taxpayers.

In addition to directly benefitting the water environment, the two disinfection projects will put 750 tradespeople to work. 125 new jobs will be created at the Calumet WRP, 175 will be added at the O'Brien plant, and 450 ancillary positions will also be filled.

Construction is on track to begin in September at both plants, and the work should be completed by December 2015, ahead of the 2016 recreational season. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held at the O'Brien WRP in September.

# *Integra Mortgage Corp. - Focused On The Community And Veterans*

Integra Mortgage Corp has opened a new branch office in the South suburb of Palos Park. This regional mortgage banker is making a conscious effort to give back to the community. They are an IHDA (Illinois Housing Development Authority), participating lender.

As part of IDHA, the "Welcome Home Heroes" program makes it possible for active and returning military men and women to receive a $10,000 credit towards the purchase of a new home. IDHA also helps first time homebuyers who have limited funds for a down payment and closing costs and provides assistance for current home owners who want to refinance or purchase a new home. You can call Integra Mortgage Corp to see if IDHA can help you.

**Front Row: Izabela Kisiel, Bill O'Boyle, Joe Cuellar / Back Row: Tom Gavin, Bob O'Boyle**

The company is also making a major attempt to help new residential construction which has been struggling in Illinois. By partnering with an established construction lender they will be able to provide borrowers with an opportunity and a commitment for an end loan for their new home.

This new branch is lead by four local mortgage veterans with a combined 60 years experience in the mortgage industry. Bob O'Boyle, Bill O'Boyle, Tom Gavin and Joe Cuellar have based their business on some very simple, old fashioned values. They believe in honesty, integrity and doing what is best for the customer. As Tom Gavin said, "it's a great feeling when you meet a customer years later and they are still happy that they trusted you to do their mortgage."

There are many different mortgage products that Integra offers. Conventional, FHA, VA, USDA, Jumbo, Construction, Reverse Mortgages, HARP, Homepath, and IDHA. It can be confusing, and that's why Integra's Loan officers are well educated, patient and willing to spend time with each customer. they even make house calls!

Overall the South suburbs have gained a real asset. The gentlemen I spoke with from Integra are "low key", well-versed in their field and very easy to work with. If yourself, or a friend or relative has questions about a new mortgage or re-financing your present mortgage, give them a call at (toll free) 888-564-5055, or email tgavin@integramg.com story

# *Congratulatory Resolution Recipients*

**Cook County Commissioner John P. Daley recently passed a Congratulatory Resolution at a meeting of the Cook County Board, to honor Father James McCarthy, Sister Susanne Gallagher, and Sister Mary Therese Harrington of the Special Religious Education Development Network (SPRED). Fr. Jim, Sr. Susanne, and Sr. Mary Therese were the 2013 recipients of the Laetare Medal, the oldest and most prestigious award issued by the University of Notre Dame, and considered by many to be the highest honor given to an American Catholic. SPRED was co-founded by the trio in the early 60's to bring the Sacraments of the Church to those with disabilities, and in the following decades, Fr. Jim, Sr. Susanne, and Sr. Mary Therese have seen their ministry grow to over 200 parishes across America, as well as many nations overseas. Fr. Jim, Sr. Susanne, and Sr. Mary Therese are pictured with Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, Commissioner Joan Murphy, and Commissioner Liz Gorman, and Commissioner Daley.**

# Unveil National Work Zone Memorial Wall

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) officials, the Illinois State Police (ISP), and other safety partners teamed up today to honor workers who have lost their lives in work zones. The safety advocates unveiled the American Traffic Safety Services Association National Work Zone Memorial Wall, at a news conference at the Illinois State Fair. The memorial represents a living tribute to the men, women and children who have died in work zones.

The National Work Zone Memorial Wall debuted in 2002 to honor the memory of all who have died in work zone crashes across the nation. The memorial travels to communities throughout the country raising the public's awareness to the need to respect safety in work zones. The wall will be on display at the Illinois State Fairgrounds through August 18 in the Grandstand near the Heritage Foundation booth.

Illinois averages 5,000 to 7,000 motor vehicles crashes in work zones every year. An average of 20 to 30 people die in work zones annually, with an average of at least one fatality involving a worker. In 2012, 19 people died in work zones - 10 drivers, 3 passengers in vehicles, 2 pedestrians, 2 motorcyclists and 2 construction workers.

For more information on the National Work Zone Memorial Wall, visit http://www.atssa.com/TheFoundation/TheNationalWorkZoneMemorialRespectandRem.aspx

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# Obamacare Confusion An Opportunity For Identity Theft

With the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, commonly labeled "Obamacare," on the horizon, scammers are finding it to be the latest opportunity to steal people's identities.

Scammers are calling consumers claiming they are eligible for health insurance cards in exchange for personal information, said Steve J. Bernas, president & CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois. Consumers should ignore these calls because providing information puts you at risk for identity theft.

Bernas explained the scams work like this: You receive a call from someone claiming to be from the federal government. The scammer says that you have been selected to be part of a group of Americans to receive insurance cards. But before the card can be mailed, your bank account and social security numbers are required. Once they get this information, they [illegible] use it to access your accounts.

After Affordable Care Act scammers are able to easily make [illegible] that their cards are legit, especially with [illegible] Bernas explained [illegible] that the government rarely calls [illegible] this type of call, hang up [illegible] people who experi[illegible]

- Hang up the phone. If you get one of these calls, just [illegible] be tempted to call back, but this will [illegible] another opportunity to steal your [illegible] You'll be safe not to press any buttons that [illegible] instructs.
- Never give out personal information. Never give out your bank account numbers, date of birth, credit card [illegible] or social security number.
- Don't rely on caller ID. Some scammers are able to display a company's name or phone number on the caller ID screen. Don't trust that the information you see is true.
- The government rarely communicates via phone calls. Most of the time, the government uses traditional snail mail to communicate to consumers. The government rarely calls, emails or texts, so don't give your information to the scam types of government messages.

For more tips and information about affordable healthcare scams, visit www.bbb.org.

# Collection Drive For Homeless Veterans

VFW Post 2221 is hosting "Stand Down" 2013 in Richton Park. An outreach program for Homeless Veterans seeking rest, hope and fellowship. Sates of Statistics tell us that veterans who become homeless do so approximately 7 years after their honorably discharge. Each year more and more veterans [illegible] are seeking services and experiencing many of the same difficulties as veterans of previous wars.

Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy is collecting toiletries and sanitary items for the Veterans outreach event. Donations of gently used men's clothing are also needed. Donations must be received before Wednesday, September the 4th at Commissioner Murphy's District Office, located at 5405 W. 127th Street in Crestwood. All items will be packaged and given away to the homeless veterans.

"Stand Down - Richton Park" a veterans outreach event will be held on Sept. 7th at the Benjamin O. Davis VFW Post 4[illegible]. Located in Richton Park, at 22341 Governors Hwy from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free health screenings, haircuts, clothing and meals will be provided. Many Social Service agencies and Veteran coordinators will be available for helpful information and services.

Remember these brave soldiers who served our country in the past and now need our help and support. Please show your gratitude to all veterans by donating items for the "Stand Down - Richton Park" collection drive. For more information call Patrice at Commissioner Joan Murphy's Office at 708.389.2125. If you wish to volunteer or for sponsorship opportunities contact Bill Browne at Billbrown[illegible]@comcast.net or (708) 705-[illegible]

# Secretary Of State Offices Closed For Labor Day

In observance of Labor Day, Illinois Secretary of State offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 2nd. Driver services facilities that are normally open Tuesday through Saturday will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 31st.

Driver services facilities will be open for regular business on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.

Individuals can visit the Secretary of State's website www.cyberdrive.illinois.gov to change an address, register to become an organ and tissue donor or renew license plate stickers by mail.

# Grant Park Music Festival

The Grant Park Music Festival will celebrate the success of the 2013 season and look ahead to next summer's 80th anniversary season with its Advocate for the Arts Awards benefit on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m. at the Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park. The funds raised will support the Festival's free ten week classical music series at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park, led by Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Carlos Kalmar and Grant Park Chorus Director Christopher Bell, and help to underwrite the Festival's artistic and community engagement activities that benefit more than 330,000 audience members from around the world.

A highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the second annual Advocate for the Arts Awards. This year's Civic Honoree will be former Mayor Richard M. Daley, who will be lauded for his commitment to the arts of Chicago, the Corporate Honoree will be BMO Harris Bank for its generous support as season sponsor of the Festival. Cindy Pritzker will present the award to Mayor Daley, John H. Bryan, the recipient of the Festival's inaugural Advocate for the Arts award, will present the award to Bradford T. Ballast, Managing Director and Head of the U.S. Community Affairs of BMO Financial Group. The evening will be hosted by Bill Kurtis.

"We are honored to recognize Mayor Daley with the Advocate for the Arts Award," said Paul Winberg, President and CEO of the Grant Park Music Festival. "His extraordinary vision to create a new park for the people of Chicago has made our city a world-class destination. The Grant Park Music Festival is proud to be a part of the city's cultural landscape bringing Chicagoans and visitors alike to the magnificent Jay Pritzker Pavilion for ten weeks each summer to hear our orchestra and chorus perform."

"Through the years, BMO Harris Bank's support has enabled us to bring world premieres, anniversary celebrations and extraordinary conductors and soloists to audiences at the Pritzker Pavilion," said Festival Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Carlos Kalmar. "We are excited about the possibilities for the Festival's 80th anniversary next season."

For more information about the Advocate for the Arts Award benefit and to purchase tickets or tables, call (312) 451-2000 or visit www.gpmf.com/gala.

Acclaimed by critics and beloved by audiences, the Grant Park Music Festival is the nation's only free, summer long outdoor classical music series of its kind. Each summer the Festival provides free concerts performed by the Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus in the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park and music engagement programs accessible to children and adults of all ages, backgrounds and means reaching more than 330,000 Chicagoans and visitors. The upcoming season will run from June 11 to August 16, 2014.

The Advocate for the Arts Awards benefit is presented by the Grant Park Orchestral Association. The event planning committee is co-chaired by Vern Broders, General Director of Marketing, Centres Partners Ltd. and civic and arts leader Ginger Meyer, and includes Marion Kuersht, Lisa Manley, Executive Vice President, Business and Social Purpose Edelman and Donna LaPietra.

The Grant Park Music Festival is led by Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Carlos Kalmar, along with Grant Park Chorus Director Christopher Bell, Grant Park Orchestral Association President and CEO Paul Winberg and Board Chair Chuck Kuersht. The Festival is proudly presented by the Grant Park Orchestral Association with key support from the Chicago Park District and the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events.

For more information about the Grant Park Music Festival visit gpmf.org or call (312) 742-7638.

# Old Time Fiddlers Contest

The 49th Annual Illinois State Old Time Fiddlers Contest is fast approaching. This year's contest is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 20th, at the Helena Keller Convention Center, N. Keller Dr. in Effingham. The activities will begin at 1 p.m. New this year, the contest is Nationally Certified and the champion is eligible to go to the National Fiddle Contest in Weiser, Idaho.

The Illinois State Old Time Fiddle Contest is the only officially state recognized fiddle contest in Illinois. The contest began in 1965 and has a long history of amazing fiddle players. This includes three time winner Allison Krauss and six time winner Chloice Worlow. Fiddle players are welcome to showcase their abilities and spectators to come enjoy the show. The main reason for the Old Time Fiddlers Association is to preserve the old time fiddle music, and to pass it on to future generations.

General admission to the contest is $5. Children 8 and under are admitted free.

For rules, online registration, divisions and prizes, advance tickets, and all other information, or for answers to any questions, visit the website at www.illinoisoldtimefiddlers.org, call Ann at (217) 223-2482 or Teresa at (217) 682-1206. Email address is illinoisoldtimefiddlers@gmail.com.

# Dutch Fest

Dutch Festival is Saturday, Sept. 28th. The Elim Dutch Festival offers something for everyone.

Children will enjoy the petting zoo, magic show, face painting, Kid's carnival, and musical entertainment throughout the day.

Adults will love the Christmas collectibles, delft, unique Dutch groceries, baked goods, Farmer's Market, and Wooden Shoe Carver.

The day begins at 7:30 am with a "home cooked pannekoeke (pancake) breakfast." The Dutch Village shops open at 8 am and the children's games and Petting Zoo open at 9 am. Entertainment performances include the harmonic Doo Wop group Harbor Lights, singing their rendition of classic songs like "Under the Boardwalk" and "My Girl." Also there will be entertaining performances by the members of Elim's Choirs and the Dutch dancers doing klompendansen (Dutch clogging). The Festival's events end at 4 pm.

The Elim Dutch Festival takes place on the campus of Elim Christian Services in Palos Heights, Illinois. Admission is free. Free parking with shuttle bus service is also provided.

All proceeds benefit Elim Christian Services' Elim's mission is to equip children and adults with disabilities to achieve to their highest God given potential. Elim pursues this mission by providing educational, vocational, therapeutic, and residential services to over 900 persons with developmental disabilities.

# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## Class Reunions

Oak Forest High School – Class of 1984 reunion will be held Friday, Sept. 27th and Saturday, Sept. 28th. On Sept. 27th, at the Blarney Stone Pub at 9 p.m. (after the Homecoming Game (Sophomore 5 p.m. Varsity 7 p.m.) at Oak Forest High School. Contact Reunion information reservation form or Krista (Kaletas) Attreau at krista.attreau@att.net. Please send your contact information by emailing your maiden name, about, street address and email address to alumni@228.com

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St. Bernadette Parish Reunion – The reunion will begin with a special Mass at 4 p.m. at St. Bernadette Church in Evergreen Park on Saturday, Oct. 5th. All family, friends, and alumni of the parish and school are welcome to attend. A special alumni choir is being formed to sing at this Mass. If you are interested in participating in the choir, contact Tom McNamara at tmcnamara2@gmail.com

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St. Leo Grade School – Class of 1963 is planning a 50th class reunion in September. Contact stleogradeschool1963@gmail.com

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Harper High School – Classes of January and June 1963 are planning a 50-year reunion and are looking for classmates. Contact Jim Smith at (352) 686-8363 or www.jimmcsmith.com or Tom Parnish (708) 636-7548 or tparnish@yahoo.com

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St. Killian Grammar School – looking for classmates for their 55th reunion. If you graduated from St. Killian or know of someone who might be interested, contact Carol Vasil Donnelly at (708) 293-1466, email to cdonnelly@sbcglobal.net or on Facebook.

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Oak Forest High School – Class of 1998 will hold a reunion on Saturday, Oct. 19th at Georgio's Banquets in Orland Park from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Follow this link for additional information: http://new.evite.com/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=fb_share_widget&utm_content=fb_invite_link&utm_campaign=invite#/view/invite/eid=0USDAAPMUNSZSQH5UEPQUOD43CCUY&gid=fb

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Oak Forest High School – Class of 1977 is in the planning stages of a 36-year reunion at the Homecoming Game on Sept. 27th and an evening event, to be announced, on Sept. 28th. Join Facebook's "Oak Forest High School Class of 1977."

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Bremen High School – Class of 1963 is planning a reunion on Sept. 21st at Bartolini's Restaurant in Midlothian with a school tour at 2:30 p.m., appetizers at Bartolini's at 5 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Contact Roger Tracy at roger@tracy.com or bhslass1963@yahoo.com

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Bremen High School – Class of 1968 is planning its 45th reunion in conjunction with Homecoming the weekend of Sept. 27th and 28th. For specific information as soon as plans are finalized, check the class website at http://bremenclass1968.com

# Legal Protections Then And Now

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, a division of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission; and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation are partnering to highlight Joseph Smith, the founder of the Mormon Church, and his legal issues in Illinois.

Two days of events starting in Nauvoo, Illinois, one of the key settlements in the early years of the Mormon faith, kicks off Sept. 23, followed on Sept. 24 by an evening presentation of Smith's extradition hearing. Tickets are now available at www.josephsmithcaptured.com

Missouri Governor Lilburn Boggs's attempt to "eradicate" the Mormons caused legal problems for Smith, the Mormon prophet who founded The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS). He employed the writ of habeas corpus while an Illinois resident to free himself from extradition to face charges in Missouri.

In Nauvoo on Sept. 23, the events include tours of historic sites in the town with expert interpretation to give the visitor an inside look at life in Nauvoo in the 1840s. In the evening, a dinner at the Hotel Nauvoo will precede a presentation by Dallin H. Oaks, entitled "Behind the Extraditions: Joseph Smith, the Man and the Prophet." Oaks is a member of the LDS Quorum of Twelve. The dinner will be held at the Hotel Nauvoo; reservation information will be forthcoming on josephsmithcaptured.com. The Oaks presentation will be held at the Nauvoo Historical Visitors Center.

In Springfield on Sept. 24, the events include a presentation of Smith's three habeas corpus hearings in Illinois followed by a panel discussion on the use of habeas corpus from Smith's time to the present day. An encore presentation and discussion will occur on Oct. 14 at the Resa and David Logan Center for the Arts at the University of Chicago. Tickets for the Chicago event will be forthcoming.

"The preparation for these events has been meticulous, representing the efforts of scores of attorneys and judges throughout Illinois," said Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke, who serves on the committee putting together this series of programs. "Every person in Illinois should want to see this interesting part of the history of our state as well as that of a faith that took its roots right here. From Nauvoo to Springfield to Chicago, everyone who wants to be a part of this wonderful experience certainly will have a chance."

For further information, please contact John Lupton, Executive Director of the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission at (217) 670-0890 or john.lupton@illinoiscourthistory.org

# Seek Sellers For Outdoor Flea Market

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., is looking for sellers for their annual Outdoor Flea Market on Saturday, Sept. 21st from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Up to 45 sellers will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The price is $15 a space, second space for $10.

For more information you may call the church office at (708) 599-4025 and leave your name and address to receive an application or you can stop in the church office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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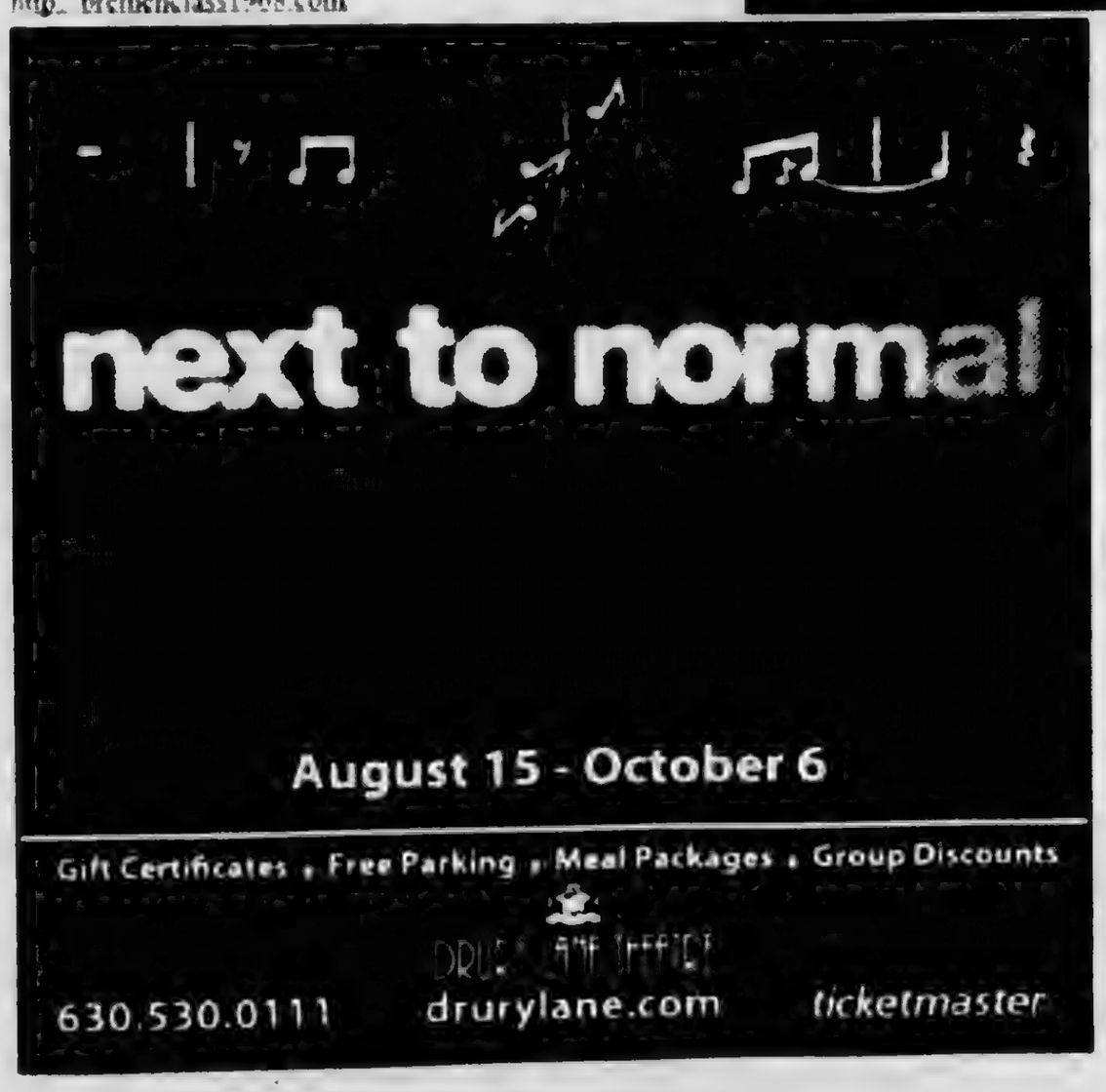

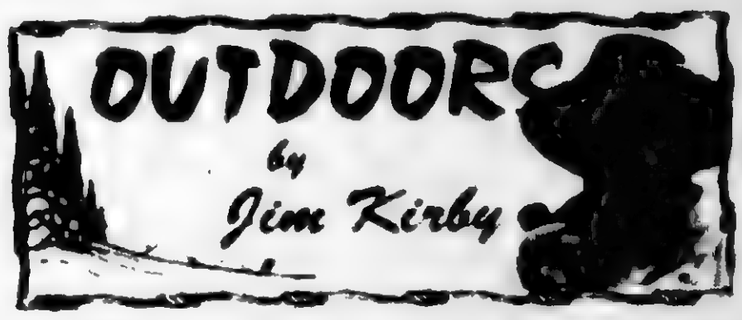


**PROPOSED ILLINOIS WATERFOWL SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS:** Coinciding with the opening of dove season, the early Canada goose season is Sept. 1-15. Teal season is Sept. 7-22. Ducks and Canada geese open Oct. 19 north zone, Oct. 26 central zone, Nov. 9 south central zone and Nov. 28 south zone.

Daily bag limits are two Canada geese and six ducks, but not more than four mallards (two hens), three wood ducks, one mottled duck, two redheads, three scaup, two pintails, two canvasbacks and one black duck.

**●THE TOP THREE MICHIGAN WALLEYE SUMMER BITES: *Lake Erie** – The Michigan waters of Lake Erie are now widely known as a spectacular walleye fishery by the time that August rolls around and the bulk of the walleyes move eastward. But this year, plenty of fish are there, and they're biting, Captain Paul Doots of "Anglers Quest Guide Service" who normally fishes more or perch this time of year says. "If the wind is out of the northeast it can be really tough, but if it's blowing south-west-west or northwest, conditions can be great." He likes small-medium red spoons from Warrior, Stinger and Silver Streak and orange others and says the best color patterns are pink, purple, pink-chartreuse and sometimes a combination of all three. Troll at 2.2 to 2.7 mph, lots of perch in the area too and you might catch them on the smaller spoons. The current "hot spot" is out in front of the Lemm Source Plant near Monroe.

***St. Clair River:** Captain Dan Chmielak of Four Seas Charter Service (586-482-0111) and owner of Lakeside Fishing Shop in St. Clair Shores, says walleyes are biting in the St. Clair River using crawler harnesses, a two-ounce bottom bouncer on an inside rod and a four-ounce bottom bouncer on a longer outside rod. "You need thirty-pound braid lines as the main line and 30-pound leaders," when walleyes bite, they bite hard with the ferocity of a muskie."

***Saginaw Bay:** Joe Raymer, a former charter captain who works at Frank's Great Outdoors in Lynwood, says the recent cooler-than-normal weather has kept the walleyes in the Lower bay longer than in most years. He recommends launching out of Lynwood, setting up in as little as 10 feet of water and trolling out deeper to "The Cigar," an 18 foot hump that is surrounded by 22-foot depths. From there, troll northeast towards "The Black Hole" which is less than five miles away. "You can catch them however you like with crawler harnesses, spoons or crankbaits." (Dave Mull for the *Outdoor Hub*)

**●OUTDOOR CALENDAR: Aug. 24** – Introduction to Fly Fishing, Wilmington Island State Park, (708) 534-5499. **Sept. 1** – Opening of doves and early Canada goose season in Illinois. **Sept. 28-29** – not too early to make plans to attend the Northern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days at nearby Silver Springs State Park in Yorkville. Something for every member of the family. *www.huntingandfishingdays.org*

**●ANGLER SURVEY, MAY-JUNE 2013:** Of those that went freshwater fishing: *82% fished with artificial baits. *55% fished for largemouth or spotted bass. *66% fished from land, pier, dock or wading. *36% fished 6 to 15 days in the last two months. *The most frequently purchased type of fishing equipment was lures (68%). (*AnglerSurvey.com – Donna Southwick Associates.com*)

**●OUTDOOR REPORTS:** Lake Michigan perch are slow. Mixed bag of kings, cohos, lakers and steelheads in 60 to 120 feet of water. Waiting for the cohos to show up in numbers on the south end of the lake. Salt and Trail creeks decent runs of steelhead. Kankakee River at normal pool, smallmouth are cooperating. Local ponds good for panfish early and late on light tackle.

**Wisconsin:** Action for both largemouth and smallmouth bass has been consistent and some very nice fish have been caught this week. Walleye action has picked up and anglers have been reporting nice catches. A weekend muskie tournament on Butternut Lake, just outside Park Falls, produced some very good success for the 39 boats that participated. A total of 26 entry fish were tallied during the 2-day tourney, with the largest 45 inches long. The signs of fall season are already beginning to show. In Manitowoc, some Chinook salmon are already turning darker and moving towards shore. Around Manitowoc County there have been some large fish caught including a 30-pound Chinook out of Manitowoc and a 15-pound rainbow out of Two Rivers. Signs of fall approaching are also appearing at Willow River State Park, where some of the trees are showing fall colors already. Typically it is the ash trees which have the short growing season. Perch are also producing for anglers in Brown County. Fishing activity was high last Friday and throughout the weekend with the majority of the anglers targeting perch and just a few seeking walleye. A good number of perch were caught with about half returning with their limits. (Reports from *wisconsin.walleyemax.com*, *wisconsin.walleyemax.com* and *fishwisconsin.com*)

**●THINK ABOUT IT:** "A hunter lies in wait while a fisherman waits and lies." (Raymond Nocerto, in *Fishing ...*)

**●E-Mail Jim Kirby:** *kirbyoutdoors@sbcglobal.net*

# RedHawks Girls Golf Team Season Preview

Marist RedHawks plan to return six of their top eight players from the 2012 team that finished 6th in the ESCC tournament and 7th overall in the competitive ESCC conference and advanced four individuals to the IHSA Sectional at Coyote Run. The projected starters for the 2013 varsity include:

Ashley Kay, a senior from Palos Heights, followed up her a successful 2012 season (12th in ESCC, advanced to IHSA Sectionals) with strong summer play capped off with a 2nd place finish the in the IJGA at Rayshoe shooting 77. Ashley has a handicap index of 9.6 – down three since the start of summer. This will be Ashley's fourth year as a varsity starter for Marist.

Kelly Barker, a junior from Palos Heights, followed up a successful 2012 season (advanced to IHSA Sectionals) with strong summer play capped off by winning the Midlothian Country Club Jr. Golf Championship, shooting an 86 on the final day. Kelly has a handicap index of 15.6 – down from 4 since the start of summer. This will be Kelly's third year as a varsity starter for Marist.

Sam Smith, a junior from Chicago, followed a successful 2012 season (advanced to IHSA Sectionals) by playing well in a number of IJGA events over the summer. Sam has a handicap index of 17.5. This will be Sam's second year as a varsity starter.

Anna Schieber, a senior from Orland Park, had a successful 2012 season (advanced to IHSA Sectionals). This will be Anna's second year as a varsity starter.

This will be Kaitlyn Maloney's, a junior from Chicago, second year as a varsity player and first year as a projected varsity starter.

This will be Emily Alabso, a senior from Chicago, second year as a varsity player and first year as a projected varsity starter.

The 2013 season has been increased from 2012 to include additional invitational tournaments and matches. Marist will compete in the following invitationals:

Marist Invitational – Midlothian Country Club – Aug. 24th

Oak Forest Invitational – Green Garden CC – Sept. 14th

Mt. Assisi Invitational – Log Hill Course #1 – Sept. 21st

Rosary Royal Invite – Fox Valley GC – Oct. 5th

The Marist Invitational will be played at Midlothian Country Club (a historic US Open course) with Marist as the defending champion. The tournament features ten top teams in the area including Marist, Lincoln-Way East, Mother McAuley, Providence, Stagg, Lockport, Fenwick, Oak Forest, Marian Catholic and Nazareth. These teams field some of the top players in the area. Many of these teams will vie for a trip to the state tournament. This expanded field will be a good early season challenge for Marist.

In ESCC conference play, Marist will face off against Marian, Bishop McNamara, Providence, St. Viator, Carmel (Mundelein), Fenwick, Nazareth, Benet and Joliet Catholic. Non-conference matches are scheduled against Minooka, Mother McAuley, St. Ignatius, Oak Forest and Queen of Peace. Marist will be hosting an IHSA Regional at Green Garden CC on Oct. 9th.

The team starts the season healthy with no known injuries sidelining players. In addition to many returning players, we plan to have eight freshmen try out.

Marist team goals are to have fun, be competitive in all events, improve our finish in conference, advance the team to sectionals and make a good run at the state tournament. The girls look forward to a great 2013 season.

# Charity Softball Classic

**The Chicago Blackhawks Alumni Association is excited to announce the 6th Annual Blackhawks Alumni & Friends Charity Softball Classic presented by BMO Harris Bank, which will take place on Sunday, Sept. 8, at noon at Saint Xavier University (SXU) on the Richard R. Ferrell Memorial Field. Gates open at 11 a.m. The field is located in Chicago's Mt. Greenwood Community at 3700 W. 103rd Street.**

**The event benefits the Chicago Firefighters' EMWQ Retirees', Widows' and Children's Assistance Fund and the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation and related police and fire charities. In the first five years, the Blackhawks Alumni and Friends have raised more than $140,000 for the families of the Chicago Police and Fire Department. The event has also brought attention to the challenges faced by many of these families in their time of need.**

**Chicago Blackhawks current players and alumni will "face-off" in a 16" softball game with members of the Chicago Police Department (CPD) and Chicago Fire Departments (CFD). The event also features the annual CFD vs. CPD City-Wide 16" Softball Championship. The event marks the fifth year BMO Harris has served as a presenting sponsor. Other major sponsors include WGN TV and Radio, Ferrara Candy Company, CME Group and Saint Xavier University.**

**Admission is free. Families will enjoy food, non-alcoholic beverages, an inflatable play-area and games for children, raffles and autographs from players. Please note that a special raffle will be held that gives three lucky winners an opportunity to take a picture with the Stanley Cup during Season Ticket Holder days in October. Miss Illinois 2013 will sign autographs and take pictures with fans. Special Units from the Chicago Police and Fire Departments are scheduled to participate and variety of antique fire and police equipment will be on display.**

**Mark your calendars and plan to join in this premier event on Sept. 8. For more information, visit: www.widowsandchildren.org.**

# Program On Hummingbirds

"Animal Safari: Hummingbirds," a free, all-ages family program, will be Sunday, August 25, 10 a.m., at Plum Creek Nature Center, in Beecher. Registration is required for this Forest Preserve District of Will County program.

Hummingbirds are a treat to see in the garden as they flit from flower to flower, drinking nectar and looking for insects to eat. They are so small and fast that they are often hard to spot. Find out more about these brightly colored garden gems and get some close-up views of birds at the nature center's feeders as we dedicate this Animal Safari program to hummingbirds.

Participants will hike on natural surface trails across uneven terrain.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located at 27064 S. Dutton Road, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394 on Goodenow Road in Beecher.

For information and registration, call (708) 946-2216.

In providing programs and services to the public, the Forest Preserve District of Will County will make reasonable modifications to ensure that all people have an equal opportunity to [illegible] District offerings. For more information, visit [illegible] Recreation/WithNature.org. ADA

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### OWNING A PET CAN HELP REDUCE HEART DISEASE

The *American Heart Association's Circulation Journal* reported on May 9, 2013, that pet ownership not only creates a healthier lifestyle with more physical activity and lowered stress levels, but has also shown to lower blood pressure and cholesterol as a result.

"Owning a pet can result in many benefits concerning one's health both mentally and physically. It can help reduce stress with the added bonus of increasing physical activity," said Dori Scofield, vice president of Guardians of Rescue based in New York, whose mission is to protect the well being of animals while providing support to military families and others who might need it due to economic factors.

Scofield has always encouraged people to visit their community animal shelter, rescue organizations and groups, as "not only are you rescuing an animal, you just might be rescuing yourself." Pets have more healing capabilities than we think, according to Scofield, and now that it's documented by the medical community, there is no reason to delay in adopting a new member of the family. The Guardians have also been working on the training of therapy dogs to help veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, so the list of positive health benefits keeps growing.

The leading cause of death in the United States is cardiovascular disease, according to the American Heart Association. Over 60 percent of American adults are overweight or obese, and heart disease alone is the leading cause of death in New York. Stroke is the 4th greatest cause of death for females in New York, and 21 percent of current smokers in the United States suffer from heart disease or stroke.

Those are pretty compelling reasons to get out there and find your next best friend.

To learn more about Guardians of Rescue or to make a donation to this worthy organization, visit their website at www.guardiansofrescue.org.

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# Newest Healthcare Provider To Join State's Transition To Coordinated Care

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is announcing that Medical Home Network (MHN) has joined the state's transition to greatly expanded coordinated care by 2015. As part of the "Care Coordination Innovations Project" led by HFS Director Julie Hamos, Medical Home Network is providing an innovative approach to integrated healthcare for 170,000 vulnerable Medicaid beneficiaries on Chicago's south and southwest sides.

MHN is a delivery network that virtually links 12 hospitals and 110 primary care sites, known as medical homes. It facilitates communication and ensures care continuity between participating institutions though an innovative technology infrastructure called MHNConnect. This secure, web-based portal tracks patients' hospital and emergency department activity throughout the MHN community and provides real-time activity alerts and access to pertinent information at the point of care, including Medicaid claims and medication history. In addition, MHN's recently launched Remote Home Monitoring Pilot utilizes wirelessly connected hardware, such as scales and blood pressure monitors in patients' homes, to send providers daily updates on chronically ill patients' health metrics.

Under the state's Care Coordination Innovations Project (CCIP), Medical Home Network will serve as an innovative care coordination prototype for new populations in Illinois. MHN is the newest pilot of a care coordination model to be part of the CCIP. In October 2012, the state chose six additional healthcare networks to be part of the CCIP to initially launch the state's transition to expanded coordinated care by 2015. MHN will complement these six integrated healthcare delivery models to improve care coordination throughout Illinois.

Delivering on Governor Quinn's commitment to move half of Illinois' Medicaid clients into care coordination by 2015, the Innovations Project is part of the state's emerging system designed to bring together local primary care physicians, specialists, hospitals, nursing homes and other providers to organize care around a patient's needs and reduce unnecessary healthcare costs. Each client is assigned a care manager to coordinate their care and ensure that the needed services and supports are provided while avoiding unnecessary healthcare procedures.

MHN launched in 2009 thanks to initial funding from the Comer Science and Education Foundation. Since its launch, MHN and its partners have been committed to transforming healthcare delivery by improving care coordination and health outcomes, increasing access to high quality care, reducing costs and limiting the fragmentation of healthcare services. MHN is one of the largest collaboratives of disparate safety net providers to form an integrated delivery system that is capable of managing the cost and quality of the population's health.

MHN's partnership with the state will specifically support further development of the provider-driven model, MHNConnect enhancements and expansion, pay-for-performance initiatives, an e-Consult and e-Referral pilot to enhance specialty access, and an expansion of remote home monitoring activities. Current providers include Access Community Health Network, Alivio Medical Center, Centro de Salud Esperanza Health Center, Chicago Family Health Center, Cook County Health and Hospitals System, Friend Family Health Center, Holy Cross Hospital, La Rabida Children's Hospital, Lawndale Christian Health Center, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Rush University Medical Center and Saint Anthony Hospital. For more information on Medical Home Network, visit www.MHNChicago.org.

Through CCIP, the state is testing innovative healthcare delivery models that offer risk and performance based care coordination. These models are an alternative to traditional Health Maintenance Organizations. The state will continue to work with other provider organizations to further enhance the Innovations Project. To learn more about the Innovations Project, go to http://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/PublicInvolvement/cc/Pages/default.aspx.

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Early detection is imperative for breast health treatment and Power of the Pink™ is proud to bring mammography vans to local consumers. The program represents giving back to local communities and supporting causes that are important to Walmart customers. "It is hard to believe that we are approaching our 4th year on this wonderful program. Each year, while visiting our stores in September, associates comment to me how proud they are to support this effort. Simply stated, personal stories are told, and the associates feel connected to the purpose of Power of the Pink," states a member of the Walmart Management Team.

For more information, visit www.powerofthepink.com or call (866) 386-6687.

# Recognized For Accuracy In Food Assistance Program

Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Secretary Michelle R.B. Saddler on July 18th announced that the state was awarded a $4.1 million bonus for its effective administration of the Supplemental Food and Nutrition Program (SNAP). Illinois was recognized for its accuracy rate of 98.3 percent, which ranked sixth in the nation in fiscal year 2012.

"Our continued accuracy in the SNAP program is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our case workers and administrators," said Secretary Saddler. "Despite hefty caseloads, IDHS caseworkers have demonstrated a culture of caring that has paid off not only for the state, but for each individual that we serve."

In May, 2,048,898 people received SNAP benefits. SNAP helps low-income people and families buy the food they need for good health. The program is funded and managed by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the United States Department of Agriculture. IDHS administers the program in Illinois.

For more information about SNAP, including eligibility requirements and applications, visit the IDHS website at www.dhs.state.il.us.

# Fresh Fruit And Vegetable Program

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) announced recently that 239 schools in Illinois will participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) during the 2013-14 school year. The schools, both public and private, will share equally in more than $4.98 million.

The complete list of Illinois schools in the Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program is available on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at http://www.isbe.net/nutrition/pdf/ffvp-awardees13-14.pdf.

The nationwide program was created to increase the fruit and vegetable consumption among students by providing free fresh fruits and vegetables to students outside of regular school meals. Participating schools can spend $50 to $75 per enrolled student during the school year, with the majority of those funds being spent on fresh produce. All of those receiving FFVP grants already participate in the National School Lunch Program.

A study by the U.S. Department of Agriculture released in March 2013 backed up the program's goals by confirming that students in participating schools are consuming more fruits and vegetables. The report is available at http://www.fns.usda.gov/ora/menu/Published/CNP/cnp.htm.

FFVP provides all students in participating schools access to a variety of free fresh fruits and vegetables at least twice a week. It allows schools to make available the additional produce anytime during the regular school day, except during breakfast and lunch.

The goal is to expose students to lifelong healthy eating habits. For example, schools can incorporate nutrition education into numerous daily classroom activities such as math, health, geography and science, by developing lesson plans involving fruits and vegetables. Some schools have initiated a "Vegetable of the Day" to entice students to try produce they might otherwise not have access to and increase nutrition education efforts.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture first piloted the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program in 2002 and it was expanded to include all states for the 2008-09 school year. Each school will be reimbursed on a monthly basis for allowable expenses up to the school's total awarded amount. The fresh produce purchased under this program cannot be used to replace fruits or vegetables already being served to students at breakfast or lunch.

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# Orland Township's Illumin8K Fundraising Event

Orland Township will soon host its first annual Illumin8K race/walk to raise funds in support of suicide prevention, counseling for surviving family members of suicide victims, and scholarships for exemplary local youth headed to college.

The Illumin8K will kick off at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, from the grounds of Orland Township at 14480 South Ravinia Ave. in Orland Park. The twilight race will wind through Orland Park's beautiful and scenic park area.

With the Chicago Marathon following a month later, the event is expected to sparkle with numerous marathon runners in training. Altogether, the Illumin8K – the hottest race in the south suburbs – is expected to attract some 500 runners and walkers.

"Orland Township is dedicated to supporting our children and youth while also promoting initiatives that strengthen families, embrace the senior population, and build our local workforce," said Orland Township Supervisor Paul O'Grady. "The Illumin8K is the latest in our continuing lineup of events that rally our community around valuable local causes, and we couldn't be more excited about this addition."

The first annual Illumin8K will illuminate critical local programs by:

***Promoting suicide education and prevention*** through the Jason Foundation. In conjunction with Riverridge Hospital in Forest Park, Orland Township is hosting suicide prevention training sessions in August and October. The Township also is planning age-appropriate workshops and a support group for parents and family members of suicide victims.

***Supporting assistance for grieving people*** through Catholic Charities' Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) program. Over 35 years, LOSS has assisted thousands with such services as counseling and support groups.

***Empower youth through education*** by supporting the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation. The Scholarship Foundation has awarded $84,500 in scholarships to local students heading to college. Scholarships are awarded based on grade point average, leadership skills, community service participation, extracurricular activities, recommendations and a response to an essay question.

Competitors may save on the registration fee by registering in advance by mail – for a mail-in registration form, call (708) 403-4222 – or online at Illumin8K.com before noon on Friday, Sept. 6. The fee is $28 for adults and $20 for youth 17 or under.

Competitors also may pre-register from 2 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11, and Thursday, Sept. 12, at Orland Township's offices (14807 South Ravinia Ave.). Or they may register immediately before the race begins between 5 and 6:30 p.m. At those times, the fee is $35 per participant.

Medals will be awarded to the top male and female finishers overall, as well as the top three finishers in each age group. Illumin8K will feature foot prizes and goody bags, and free massages will be available for participants.

The race is USA Track & Field certified. Noel Marquez, USATF Certified Official and Lead Vehicle Procession Manager for the Bank of America Chicago Marathon and Shamrock Shuffle, is routing this race.

Following the event, an "Afterglow" party on the grounds of Orland Township will feature food from local restaurants and libations compliments of the Orland Park Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery.

Orland Township is proud to offer an ambitious package of services for youth, parents, individuals experiencing financial difficulties, and even pets. The Township helps support these services – asking no more from local taxpayers – through fundraising events such as Senior American Idol, Dancing With the Senior Stars, and frequent recycling events.

Contact Caitlin McHugh with Orland Township by phone at (708) 403-4222, or by email at caitlinm@orlandtwp.org, or visit Illumin8K.com, for more information.


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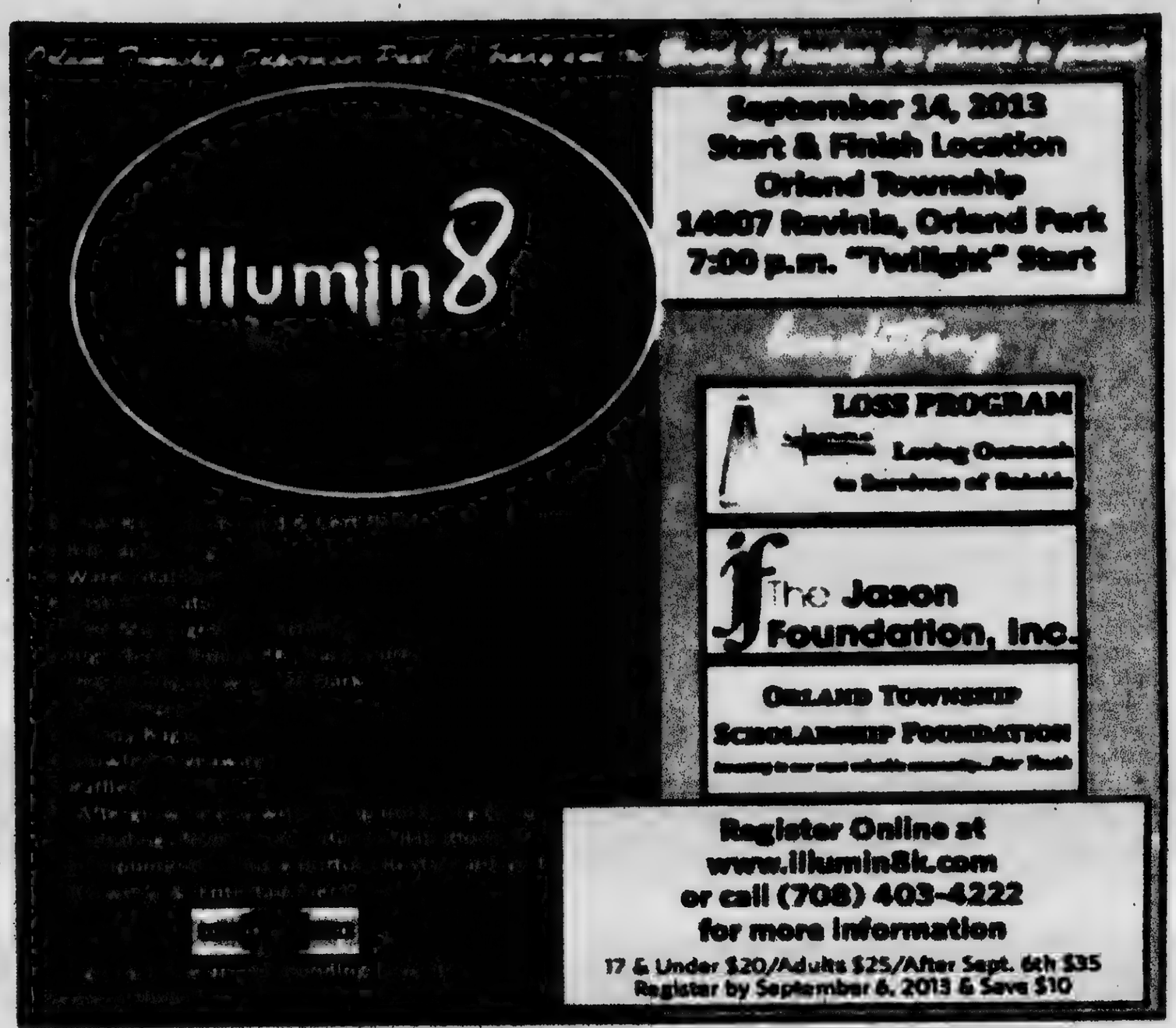
The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Illinois State Police (ISP) and motorcycle safety advocates joined forces to remind Illinois motorcyclists that mixing alcohol and motorcycle riding can lead to tragic results. The "Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign is paying close attention to motorcycle riders as Illinois crash data reveals the percentage of drunk motorcycle riders (motorcycle operators with a BAC of 0.08 or higher) involved in fatal crashes during late afternoon and early evening hours are more than double that of drunk drivers of any other type of passenger vehicle.

IDOT and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) data shows for the 3 p.m. to 5:59 p.m. timeframe (see chart below) that 15 percent of motorcycle fatalities occurring during that time involve a drunk rider compared to 6 percent of passenger vehicle fatalities during the same time. Data shows from 6 p.m. to 8:59 p.m. to be even worse as 24 percent of motorcycle fatalities at that time involve a drunk rider compared to 11 percent of passenger cars.

For more information on motorcycle safety and drunk driving in Illinois, log on to *startseeingmotorcycles.org*.

# "Thank You" For a Successful Learning Program

The Mount Greenwood Branch of the Chicago Public Library would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for yet another fantastic Summer Learning Challenge! "Full Steam Ahead!" was a great success with 483 children completing 32,989 read, learn, discover and create activities! Special thanks go out to the children, their parents, teachers, the incredible Junior Volunteers and the great staff at the Mount Greenwood Branch Library. This all would not have been possible without the extremely generous donations from the following people, businesses and organizations: Alderman Matt O'Shea, Arena Bowl, Bartako's, Beggar's Pizza, Chicago Vendor Supply, DeJay's Ace Hardware, Fox's Restaurant, Haunted Trail, Hollywood Park, Jump' Zone, LaFiesta, Mount Greenwood Resident's Association, Popeye's Chicken and Biscuits, Pump It Up of Orland Park, S & T Provision Co., Senator Bill Cunningham, State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# Freshman Day Eases Transition Into Richards

The first day of ninth grade, an uneasy rite of passage for most, has been a bit less stressful the past few years at Richards High School.

Freshmen Day allows new students to meet their teachers, tour school, learn to open lockers, and ask Senior Leaders anything they want. Freshmen experience this first day of high school by themselves at Richards.

Principal John Hallberg welcomed the new students during an assembly as soon as they arrived. They toured the building to learn the layout.

Freshmen spent time with each of their classroom teachers. Perhaps most importantly, the ninth graders participated in a number of ice breaker activities with Senior Leaders and homeroom teachers.

Senior Leaders first introduced themselves. Although it seemed a little difficult for some, the freshmen nevertheless stood up and shared two personal facts with their new classmates. They discussed interests and talents, sports, vacations, and other biographical bits.

The seniors also directed a letter writing activity. Writing questions on a whiteboard, the Senior Leaders had the freshmen write reflective letters.

Each new student wrote about academic goals, expectations about attending school with older students, and what they anticipate from their new teachers.

Next spring as they approach the end of their first year of high school, the new students will open the letters to see if their experiences matched their thoughts on the Freshmen Day.


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## OAK LAWN LIBRARY

The Oak Lawn Public Library 9427 S. Raymond Ave will host a free movie screening of "Les Miserables" on Sunday, Aug. 25th at 2 p.m. In 19th century France, Jean Valjean, who for for decades has been hunted by the ruthless policeman Javert after he breaks parole, agrees to care for factory worker Fantine's daughter Cosette. The fateful decision changes their lives forever. Starring Hugh Jackman, Anne Hathaway and Russell Crowe. 2012. PG-13. 158 min.

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Donate your "gently used" books, magazines, CDs and videos to the Friends of the Library for the ongoing book sale. Due to space limitations, the Friends will not accept Readers Digest Condensed Books, encyclopedias and older textbooks. The donation/drop-off area is near the Cook Ave. entrance. Interested parties may fill out a short form at the Reception Booth to receive a tax letter by mail that acknowledges their donation.

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"My Thoughts Be Bloody" by Nora Titone is the August selection for Day & Night Reads, the library's bi-monthly book group for adults. Historian Nora Titone takes a new look at the Booth brothers. Using a rich array of original source material, she explains how one became a 19th century actor-king, while the other became a notorious assassin. The discussion will be held at the library on Wednesday, Aug. 28th at 2 and 7 p.m. The library will order extra copies of each title approximately one month before the discussion.

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A free movie screening of "Admission" will be held on Thursday, Aug. 29th at 2 and 6:30 p.m. A Princeton admissions officer who is up for a major promotion takes a professional risk after she meets a college-bound alternative school kid who just might be the son she gave up years ago in a secret adoption. Starring Tina Fey, Paul Rudd and Michael Sheen. 2013. PG-13. 107 min.

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The library's Preschool and Afterschool Storytimes are lacking creativity in their names! Youth Services is asking for ideas to name our Storytimes. Can you think of anything "creative"? To participate, fill out a Storytime Contest Form, which is currently available at the library. Rules are on the Storytime Contest Form. All ages are welcome to participate. Forms must be turned in by the end of day, Monday, Sept. 30th. If Youth Services picks your name for our Storytime, you'll win a prize. If multiple patrons come up with the winning name, a prize drawing will be held.

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The library will be closed Sunday and Monday, Sept. 1st and 2nd for the observance of Labor Day, and Friday-Sunday, Sept. 6th-8th, for staff training and special projects. Parking around the library will be reduced due to the village's Fall on the Green festival setup, which will affect our area from Sept. 3rd to 9th.

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Due to changes with the Village of Oak Lawn battery recycling program, the library will now only accept rechargeable batteries. Alkaline batteries do not need to be recycled anymore, since they no longer contain mercury. Rechargeable batteries should be dropped off at the first floor Reception Booth.

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For more information, call (708) 422-4990 or visit www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

## Backpack Blessing

On August 25 Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ will bless backpacks of all children and teachers during the 9:30 a.m. worship service. All children and teachers from the community are invited to bring their backpack or bookpack that day to receive a blessing.

The church is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. in Oak Lawn and is handicapped accessible.

## S.T.E.P. Classes

Worth Township Supervisor Kevin M. Hughes has announced the dates for the next S.T.E.P. classes. The fall session will begin Monday, Oct. 7. The goal for the Systematic Training for Effective Parenting class is to develop responsible children who understand loving limits and that their choices have consequences. The six-week sessions will be held between 6 and 8 p.m. on Monday nights, excluding Oct. 14 and Nov. 12 when the building will be closed for Columbus Day and Veterans Day respectively. Rates are available for single parents or couples. Township residents and non-residents. The fee includes the Parent Workbook. For additional information, or to register, contact Worth Township's Youth Commission at (708) 371-2900 ext. 45.


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# Oak Lawn Park District's Beach Blizzard

It might seem like opposite day at the Oak Lawn Park District's Beach Blizzard event on Sunday, Aug. 25th. Enjoy some fun in the sun and snow at Central Park Pool, 9400 S. Kenton Ave., from 12 to 3 p.m. A DJ will play tunes while participants play on the snow hill outside of Central Pool. Activities include a hula-hoop contest, snow sculpting competition and pool games.

Participants will then head over to the Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton Ave., for Open Skate from 3 to 5 p.m. Bring mittens and a bathing suit.

The fee is $5 for all activities. The rain site is the Ice Arena from 3 to 5 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to stay and watch the Oak Lawn Police/Fire Departments play the Orland Park Police/Fire Departments in a charity hockey game at 5:30 p.m. The fee is $5 for adults and $2 for students with all proceeds going to the Oak Lawn Rotary's 9-11 Memorial and Special Olympics.

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## Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Army Pvt. Shayne C. Malone has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. Malone is a 2010 graduate of Alan B. Shepard High School in Palos Heights.

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Air Force Airman Anthony J. Coluzzi graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Coluzzi is the son of Jackie Coluzzi of Chicago Ridge. He is a 2012 graduate of H.L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn.

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The Veterans Day National Committee has selected Blue Island as a regional site for the celebration of Veterans Day 2013. Blue Island is the only regional site selected thus far in Illinois and one of only 65 in the entire nation.

The Veterans Day National Committee, comprised of various national veterans and military organizations, selects a number of regional sites for Veterans Day observances throughout the country. From stirring parades and ceremonies, to military exhibits and tributes to distinguished veterans, these events serve as models for other communities to follow in planning their own observances.

Blue Island American Legion Post 50 Commander Jim Reihel was notified of Blue Island's selection in a letter sent by Dr. Tommy Sowers, assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The letter stated that VA Secretary Eric Shinseki had also notified Illinois Governor Pat Quinn's office, and asked the Department of Defense to provide military liaison officers to help support Blue Island's events.

Post 50, along with the City of Blue Island Park District and MetroSouth Medical Center, will sponsor the fifth annual Veterans Day Parade starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9th. The parade will begin at Hart Park, 123rd and Western, proceed south on Western to Union St., west on Union to Highland Ave., and north on Highland to Memorial Park, 128th St. A classic car show and military vehicle exhibit will take place at the park immediately after the parade. Refreshments and entertainment will also be available at the park.

The theme of this year's parade is "Welcome Home." Last year's parade, themed "Operation: Thank a Vet," drew more than 90 entries and can be viewed on YouTube under "Blue Island Veterans Day Parade 2012."

In addition to the parade, Post 50 will conduct its annual Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11th at Veterans Plaza, Western Ave. at Grove St. in Blue Island. The public is invited to attend.

For more details, call Jim Reihel at (708) 774-4627 or John Allen at (708) 597-2744.

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The Marine Corps League, Kevin Clarke Detachment #1217, will hold its 2nd annual Jim "Doc" Miles Charity Golf Outing on Saturday, Sept. 14th at the Odyssey Country Club, 19110 Ridgeland Ave. in Tinley Park. The shotgun start is at noon and check-in is at 11 a.m.

The golf package is $80 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch and complimentary beverages on course, refreshments and Pizza immediately following at the "Sweet Spot." Dinner only for $10 per person includes refreshments and pizza. There will be prizes for the longest drive, closest to the pin plus raffle prizes. This event is open to all.

Entry deadline is Sept. 6th. Make checks payable to Kevin Clarke Tinley Park Detachment #1217. Submit registration plus payment to: P.O. Box 1238, Tinley Park IL 60477.

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If you happen to be traveling in Southern Illinois this weekend you may want to stop at the Du Quoin State Fair for Veterans' Day Events on Sunday, Aug. 25th. Veterans and their families are admitted to the fairgrounds free. The Helping Our Hometown Heroes Benefits Fair will include up to 24 information and service booths, with opportunities to speak with representatives from the IDVA and sign up to Stand Up and Be Counted, veteran groups such as the VFW and AMVETS, and non-profit groups, and much more. There will be a free patriotic musical tribute by the Marty Shadowen Group and two demonstrations by This Able Veteran on service dogs.

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Quote of the Week: A friend is one of the nicest things you can have and one of the best things you can be. Douglas Pagels

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Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.

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# New Virus Attacks Consumers' Computers And Their Wallets

Viruses are a common problem that almost every computer user has dealt with, but the latest is designed to frighten, introduce the virus, and extort money from consumers: The FBI MoneyPak Ransomeware Virus. With this scam, a message with the FBI's logo shows up on your computer saying the user is doing something illegal, such as distributing child pornography or violating copyright laws. The screen tells the user to pay a hefty fine to get the computer unlocked, and then demands credit card information. The Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois (BBB) wants consumers to be aware of this virus scam and to take action to avoid it.

The virus can show up in several different ways on consumers' computers. For example, it can pull up the victim's picture from their computer's webcam. Next to the picture, there is a statement saying that the person committed a serious crime, and that the accusation will be made public if a payment wasn't immediately submitted. In other cases, there is a blaring warning stating that "Your computer has been locked!" Either way, the message always leads the user to the MoneyPak portal to pay a fine.

The BBB offers the following tips to people who experience the FBI MoneyPak Ransomeware Virus:

- Do not pay any of the instructed fines. Never follow the steps to pay money in the message's instructions. Do not log onto any bank accounts or other important accounts.
- Don't unfreeze the virus by yourself. Even if you are able to unfreeze your computer without paying fines, the virus malware may still exist. Certain types of malware are able to pick up information such as credit card numbers, user names and passwords.
- Contact a computer professional. To remove this virus, seek help from a computer professional. He or she will be able to completely remove the virus malware that steals personal information. Professionals use programs that usually cost between $60 and $85 for the computer user.

For more tips and information about FBI computer scams, visit www.bbb.org.

## Experience Stingray Touch

As summer fades to fall, don't miss the opportunity to feel the wonder and underwater grace of stingrays in the hands-on experience at Shedd Aquarium. Stingray Touch, open through October 2013. Located under a tented structure on the aquarium's south terrace, the 18,000-gallon habitat features approximately 40 cownose rays (Rhinoptera bonasus) and yellow rays (Urobatis jamaicensis). The diamond-shaped cownose ray glides through the water with a wingspan of up to 3 feet long. Guests have exceptional views of the rays' natural behaviors across the 80-foot-long and 22-foot-wide habitat.

Guided by Shedd staff, the 15-minute touch experience provides interesting facts about stingrays, including information about how choosing sustainable seafood protects stingrays in global waters.

Shedd Passes are also available in advance online for $28.95 per adult, $19.95 per child (ages 3-11). Add-on to Shedd Pass for $5 per person ($3 for members).

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# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Irene B. Bormet**

Services were held at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, on Sunday, with interment at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, for Irene B. Bormet, 92, of Tinley Park. She was the wife of the late Carl A. Mrs. Bormet worked with her husband at their farm stand until 1988 and had an upholstery business with her close friend. She was a member of the Farm Bureau.

She is survived by her children Karen (Glenn) Mueller, Carlene Heer, Carl R. (Jackie), Gary, Dale (Noreen) and Jill Bormet, thirteen grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and her siblings Marie Lorraine (Frank) Bormet and Robert (Irene) LaLonde.

**Fern L. Hardt**

Services were held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Fern L. Hardt, 89. She was the wife of the late Elmer. She was also a longtime member of the Oak Lawn Seniors, Trinity Seniors and an active member of the Nutrition Center of Oak Lawn/Hometown.

She is survived by her children Adair (Ralph) Banta, Gloria (Joe) Senden, Dale (Mary Ann) Hardt, Terry Hardt and Lynn (Tom) Jareczek, fourteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

**Corrinne Jester**

Private services were held at the Gerardi Funeral Home, Frankfort, with interment at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, for Corrinne Jester, 70, late of Frankfort. She was the wife of her late husband Bill.

She is survived by her children Kimberly (Joseph) Boyd, Gene (Janet) Hickman, Susan (Peter) Conrad and Josh (Julie) Jester, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Andrew C. Koller**

Services were held at the Hills Funeral Home, Palos Hills, on Saturday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Andrew C. Koller, 58.

He is survived by his wife Angela, his children, Michele, Jennifer, Nicole and Lisa Koller, his father John and his brother John Koller and his sister Sandy Nisavic.

**Joseph P. Kratky**

Services were held at the Hills Funeral Home, Palos Hills, on Wednesday, with interment at Fairmount-Willow Hills Cemetery, for Joseph P. Kratky, 58. He was a member of the 220 MHZ Guys, the Marquette RC Boat Club and he was the past treasurer of the Hamfesters Amateur Radio Club.

He is survived by his brothers Glenn (Maureen) and Paul (Lisa).

**Cindy Ann LaVine**

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Cemetery, for Cindy Ann LaVine, 4.

She is survived by her parents Ted and Pat LaVine, and her siblings Laurie (Ken) Been and Ted (Jenny) LaVine.

**Andrew J. Patellaro**

Mass was said at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, on Saturday, with entombment Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Andrew J. Patellaro of Bridgeview. He was 80 and a retired pipefitter and a member of Pipefitters Local 597 and the American Legion. He was also a US Navy Korean War Veteran.

He is survived by his wife Ann, his children Lou Ann, Andrew S. (Nadene) and Sammy Patellaro, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and his sister Victoria Rzepka.

**Vivian M. Rickhoff**

Private services and interment were held for Vivian M. Rickhoff, 78, of Markham. She was the wife of the late Ralph Rickhoff.

She is survived by her children Roger (Cindy) Rickhoff, Debra (Terry) McDonald, Ken (Kale) Rickhoff and Tom (Charlene) Rickhoff and many grand and great-grandchildren.

**Agnes D. Skalski**

Mass was said at St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Church, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Agnes D. Skalski, 96. She was the wife of the late Edward J.

She is survived by her children Joseph (Katharine) Skalski and Mary Panno, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, and her brothers Sigmund (Delphine) Stronski and Edmund Stronski.

**Timothy Paul Spann, Ph.D and J.D.**

Mass was said at St. Barnabas Church, Chicago, on Saturday, with private interment, for Timothy Paul Spann, Ph.D and J.D., 54. He was a noted Molecular Biologist.

He is survived by his wife Ananya (M.D.), his daughter Rachel, his parents John R. and Karol Klauer Spann and his brothers John (Jocelyn) and Dennis (Cynthia).

**Lorraine Straka**

Mass was said at St. Anthony Church, Frankfort, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, for Lorraine Straka of Tinley Park. She was 75 and a senior loan officer at Calumet Federal Savings and Loan/Pullman Bank. She was the wife of the late Sylvester "Jim".

She is survived by her children Sheryl (Lynn) Wade, Jim (Heidi) and Steven (Debbie) and eight grandchildren.

**Rosemary C. Trolia**

Mass was said at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Rosemary C. Trolia, 87. She was the wife of the late John J. Trolia, Sr. and the late Vincent Anglim. She was a retired clerk with the Norfolk Southern Railroad with 30 years of service. She was also a receptionist at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home.

She is survived by her children Sandra (Bill) Weber, James (Susan) Trolia, Daniel (Cris) Trolia, William Trolia and Christopher Trolia, sixteen grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

**Thomas Wiggins**

Services were held at All Saints Lutheran Church, Orland Park, on Friday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Thomas "JaJa" Wiggins, 689, a veteran of the Vietnam War, U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of the Brighton Park Gents, the FOP, Kevin Clarke Tinley Park Detachment #1217 and Johnson-Phelps Post #5220.

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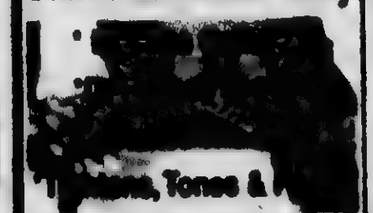
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## Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras Began Warning Period

As part of the Children's Safety Zone Program to increase safety, reduce speeding and fund critical safety programs, the City began its automated speed enforcement (ASE) program on Monday, Aug. 26th as the first speed cameras installed near Gompers Park in the South Side Mayfair neighborhood will be activated and begin to produce warnings to speeding drivers.

"The Children's Safety Zone Program protects children and other pedestrians by reminding motorists to slow down and obey speed laws – particularly in school and park zones," said Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) Commissioner Gabe Klein.

With extensive signage on the street, a robust system to give drivers only warning tickets during the first 30-days systems are operating, in addition to one free warning the first time a motorist is eligible to receive an actual violation, CDOT expects to reduce the amount of speeding substantially, even beyond what other cities that use automated enforcement have experienced.

The cameras near Gompers Park (at 4124 W. Foster Ave. and 5119 S. Pulaski Rd.) were the first to be installed, tested and readied for operation. The City also installed numerous new speed limit and photo enforcement signs to inform drivers as they approach the ASE cameras.

Three more systems are being installed and tested this week at Garfield Park (at 3790 W. Madison St. and 3694 W. Jackson Blvd.), Washington Park (at 5330 S. Cottage Grove Ave. and 534 E. Morgan Dr.), and Marquette Park (3450 W. 71st St., 6818 S. Kedzie Ave. and 6909 S. Kedzie Ave.). After testing, those three systems should be operational by the end of next week.

Only warnings will be issued for the first 30 days after cameras are activated in a safety zone. The first time a vehicle owner is eligible to receive an enforceable violation they will instead receive a warning. Fines for violations are $35 for vehicles travelling 6-10 miles per hour over the posted speed limit while in a safety zone, and $100 for vehicles travelling 11 or more miles over the posted speed limit.

CDOT plans to install ASE camera systems in 50 safety zones this year. Camera locations are chosen based on available data regarding traffic, speeding, and accidents, as well as the geographic requirements of the ordinance. To ensure the program will enhance safety and reduce speeding citywide, and to help ensure geographic balance, six regions have been established wherein no fewer than 10 percent of speed enforcement cameras will be located in each region.

Revenue generated by the program will be invested in safety initiatives including afterschool programs, anti-violence and jobs programs, crossing guards and police officers around schools; and infrastructure improvements, such as signs, crosswalk markings and other traffic safety improvements.

The Children's Safety Zones are designated as within 1/8th of a mile from Chicago parks or schools. The speed cameras are only one part of the "toolbox" of pedestrian enhancements and vehicle-speed-reduction measures that the City uses in safety zones.

The City ordinance establishing the Children's Safety Zone program substantially narrows the hours and locations of enforcement that are allowed under state law, and provides for the following:

- The enforcement hours will be limited from 7 am to 7 pm in safety zones around schools on school days (Monday through Friday).
- 7 am to 4 pm: 20 mph speed limit when children are present, 30 mph speed limit when no children are present.
- 4 pm to 7 pm: 30 mph speed limit.
- The enforcement hours around parks will be limited to only those hours parks are open (typically 6am to 11pm, 7 days a week) with a 30 mph speed limit.

## IDES Offices Closed Sept. 2nd

Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day. All services are available on the IDES website. Claimants scheduled to certify are encouraged to use the Internet. Regular office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. will resume Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday of September. The labor movement created the tribute to honor the economic and social achievements that the American worker brought to our nation. The first celebration was in 1882 in New York city. The day was a Tuesday. The holiday moved to Monday in 1884. Although there are conflicting reports that the holiday began either with the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners or with the International Association of Machinists, there is agreement that the Central Labor Union was responsible for the initial demonstration and picnic.

Municipal ordinances first recognized the day in 1885. New York was the first state to propose legislation creating the holiday, but Oregon was the first to enact a law in 1887. Illinois created the holiday in 1891. In 1894, Congress established the first Monday in September to be the legal holiday. In 1909, the American Federation of Labor declared the Sunday before Labor Day as Labor Sunday. It recognizes the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

Although IDES offices will be closed, services are available at www.ides.illinois.gov. People can file for first-time unemployment benefits, certify for benefits which is necessary to receive payment, and switch that method of payment to direct deposit. Because Monday is a federal banking holiday, the availability of some benefit payments might be delayed. The IDES does not determine federal banking holidays.

There are 100,000 help-wanted ads on Illinoisjoblink.com, the IDES employment website that links job seekers with employers. This no-cost, career resource allows individuals to create multiple resumes that emphasize different talents and allows businesses to search for specific skills. The keyword matching technology increases the likelihood of a successful new hire. Illinois JobLink emphasizes Illinois jobs, scrapes other commercial job boards, and compares favorably to private efforts that cost hundreds of dollars for a single advertisement.

## Fall On The Green Planning Underway

The Village of Oak Lawn will hold its 18th annual Fall on the Green Festival on Sept. 6, 7 and 8. This family-friendly event has everything you look for in a festival - great food, wonderful entertainment, games, and vendors of all types. This event will take place on the Village Green located at 95th Street & Cook Avenue. There is no charge for admission, parking or rides. The only cost to attendees is the purchase of food and drink.

Some of the entertainment scheduled to appear are area favorites including: Wild Daisy, Maggie Speaks, Rendition, Kennedy Compound, The Walk-Ins, South of Disorder, Shannon Baker and the Daze of Yore, Recycle the Day, The Opinions, American English, The Hat Guys, Seam & Charlie, Special Consensus, Chicago Tribute Anthology, and Slippery When Wet.

There will be many activities for children including inflatables, face painting, obstacle course, Funbungy, Ferris Wheel and so much more!

The food court will sell pizza, Italian Ice, Italian sausage, Brats, corn on the cob, kettle corn, riblet sandwiches, hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, sub sandwiches, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, riblet sandwiches, corn dogs, Orange Chicken, Fried Rice, Buffalo Chipotle burgers, funnel cakes, snow cones, Rainbow cones, and so much more!!

The Arts & Crafts Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. with many crafters and exhibitors. There is also a Business Tent area featuring local businesses from Oak Lawn and the surrounding suburbs.

The Village would like to thank all the local businesses for their generosity and sponsorship efforts.

Any questions or concerns, contact Steve Barrett at (708) 499-7749 or email sbarrett@oaklawn.il.gov.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 3 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 4 – Wednesday – NO FARMERS MARKET

SEPTEMBER 4 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 5 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 5 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center Auditorium, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 6 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 12:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 7 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon

SEPTEMBER 9 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 11 – Wednesday – Farmers Market, Dumke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 am. to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday except Sept. 4th.)

SEPTEMBER 11 – Wednesday – Free Blood Pressure Screenings, Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95th St., 10 to 11 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 11 – Wednesday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.


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# Don't Drink And Drive

Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding people to travel safely during this Labor Day holiday weekend and to not drink and drive. Published reports are forecasting that this Labor Day weekend will be the heaviest traveled in five years.

"Labor Day is a day that we as a nation come together to honor the working men and women whose effort and dedication continues to help make this country the greatest in the world," said White. "The Labor Day holiday weekend also marks the unofficial end of summer and beginning of the school year and I encourage everyone to remember to celebrate this holiday safely and responsibly. Enjoy the weekend, but don't drink and drive. Call a cab, use public transportation or designate a sober driver."

From August 16 through September 2, White's Secretary of State Police is joining IDOT, the Illinois State Police and local law enforcement agencies to conduct DUI patrols during the holiday weekend in a joint statewide effort being called, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over."

According to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT):

- During the 2011 Labor Day weekend, starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, there were nine crash fatalities statewide, three of which were alcohol-related, which is 33 percent of the total motor vehicle fatalities.
- During the 2010 Labor Day weekend, there were 11 crash fatalities, six of which was alcohol-related, which is approximately 55 percent of the total motor vehicle fatalities.
- During the 2009 Labor Day weekend, there were five crash fatalities, two of which were alcohol-related, which is 40 percent of the total motor vehicle fatalities.

# Clothing & Equipment Resale

Southwest Chicago Christian School is holding a Fall/Winter Children's Clothing and Equipment Resale on Saturday, Oct. 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the gym at its Oak Lawn Campus, 10110 S. Central Ave. Interested sellers may register at the Tinley Park campus, 17171 S. 84th Ave., on Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 5 to 6:45 p.m. and at the Oak Lawn campus on Thursday, Sept. 12, from 5 to 6:45 p.m. The seller's fee is $8. Phone registration will be held Sept. 13-20, with a registration fee of $12. Space is limited. Call the school office at (708) 636-8850 to find out how to register by phone. The seller will receive 70% of their profit, the school receives the other 30%. The sale will be cash only. No children or baskets/bags will be allowed into the sale.

# Health & Nutrition

**Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN**

Ms. Lysen is currently on vacation. Her column will resume upon her return.

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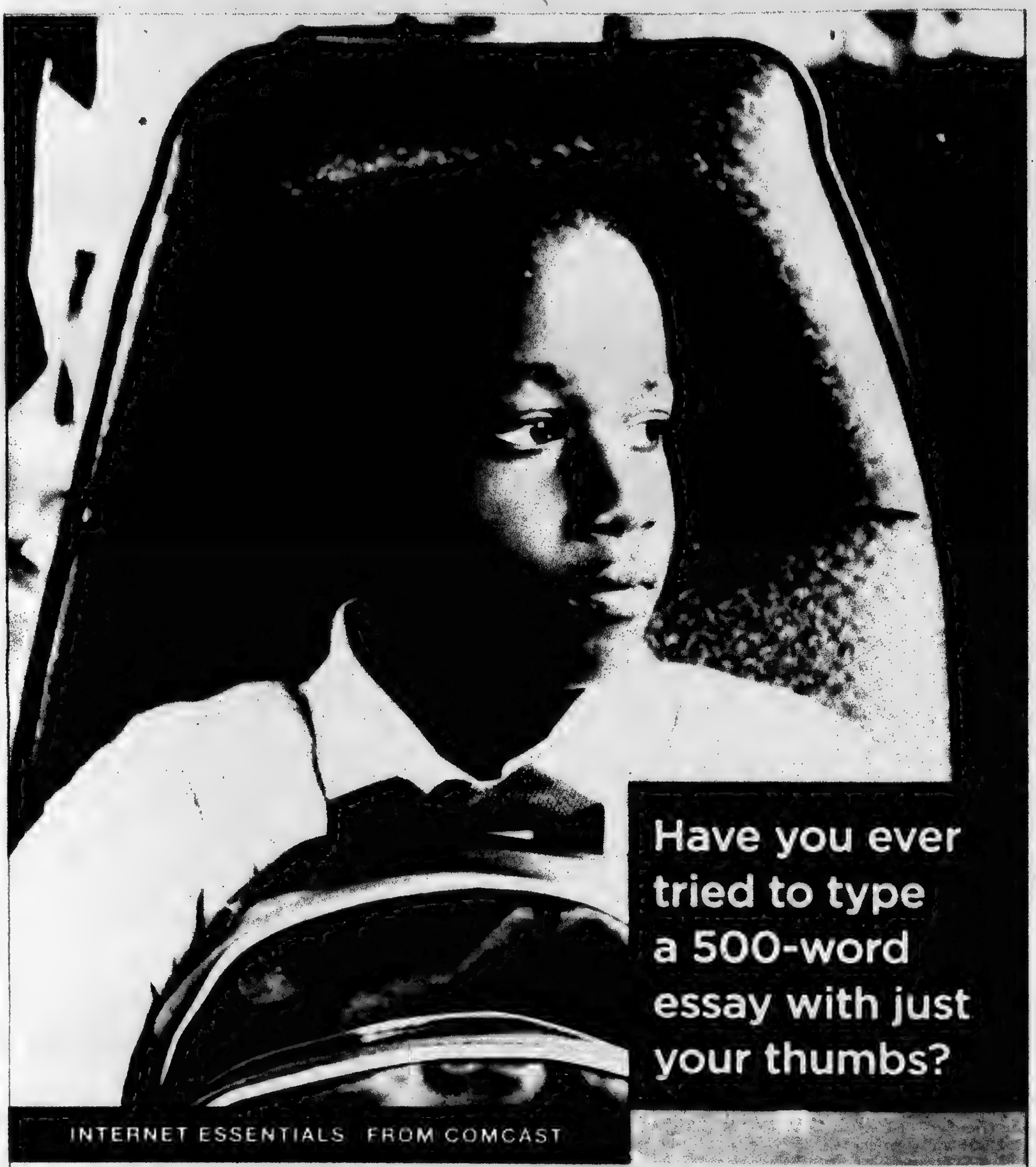


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# Yarbrough To Address Worth Township Seniors

Karen A. Yarbrough (pictured), Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the Worth Township Seniors, Friday, Sept. 6th, 12:45 p.m. at the Worth Senior Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip.

Doris Tortorici, coordinator, announced Yarbrough will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office.

Yarbrough served as Illinois State Representative for 12 years before being elected Cook County Recorder of Deeds. She was selected for the position of Assistant Majority Leader in the House. She is past president of the Maywood Chamber of Commerce and a Board Member of the United Way of Suburban Chicago.

Recorder Yarbrough received her B.A. in Business Management from Chicago State University and a M.A. in Inner City Studies from Northeastern Illinois University.

# Swallow Cliff Chapter, NSDAR Meeting

The Swallow Cliff Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14th at the Palos Heights Public Library, 12501 S. 71st Ave. in Palos Heights. Prospective members and guests are welcome to attend. For further information, call 815-464-0509.


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# Free Resources To Help Reduce Food Poisoning

Food poisoning causes 48 million illnesses in the U.S. each year, and most recently more than 300 Midwesterners were sickened by an outbreak of cyclospora, a foodborne pathogen. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics encourages everyone to reduce their risk with simple safety steps from www.HomeFoodSafety.org and by downloading the free 'Is My Food Safe' mobile app.

"While there are no guarantees in life, you can drastically reduce your risk of food poisoning with a few simple safety steps, from washing your hands and produce to cooking meats to a safe minimum internal temperature," said registered dietitian nutritionist and Academy Spokesperson Libby Mills.

The Academy's award-winning HomeFoodSafety.org website and 'Is My Food Safe' mobile app are free resources provided by the Home Food Safety program - a collaboration between the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and ConAgra Foods. Since the launch of the app in August 2012, it has already been downloaded 20,000 times on Apple and Android devices.

"You can't rely upon color, taste or smell alone to determine if a food is safe to eat," Mills said. "The 'Is My Food Safe' app is a great tool for identifying expired foods and safely cooking pretty much any type of meat: hamburgers, pork, chicken, game meat and even exotic meats and poultry."

"Don't let your health and the health of your guests be determined by guesswork in food preparation and storage," Mills said. "This app should be your number-one companion in the kitchen, offering simple home food safety steps that can reduce your risk."

The 'Is My Food Safe' app consists of the following sections:

- **IS IT DONE YET?** Check the safe minimum internal cooking temperature for meats and more.
- **TIME TO TOSS?** Learn essential information on how long you can keep leftovers.
- **QUIZ: IS MY KITCHEN SAFE?** Test your knowledge of kitchen safety and see what grade your kitchen receives.
- **ASK AN EXPERT** Find out more about food safety from registered dietitian nutritionists - the food and nutrition experts.

According to registered dietitian Barbara Ivens, senior nutrition director at ConAgra Foods, the app is especially useful for those who are more vulnerable to the effects of food poisoning.

"Certain populations may be at far greater risk of developing serious illness with long-term effects, making safe food preparation even more important for these high-risk groups or those preparing foods for them."

Ivens said those at greater risk includes infants, young children, pregnant women and their unborn babies; older adults and those with weakened immune systems and chronic illness such as diabetes and kidney disease, those with HIV/AIDS and some cancer patients.

For more tips on reducing your risk of food poisoning while preparing foods safely in the kitchen, at the grill or even in the office, visit www.HomeFoodSafety.org.

# Stop By Any Fifth Third Bank And Donate Change To Help A Child

Employees of Fifth Third Bank recently kicked off "Make Change in a Child's Life," an annual fundraising effort to collect change that will benefit sick children at Lurie Children's Hospital. The bank has collected and raised more than $230,000 through this effort now in its third year. "Make Change in a Child's Life," was born after siblings, friends and families of sick children hosted lemonade stands and sold off toys and books to raise money. The bank, 101.9 FM "The Mix," and hospital foundation grew this grassroots effort into a concerted one focused on the collection of loose change.

Stop into any Fifth Third Bank through Sept. 6th and donate change that will go directly to the Lurie Children's Hospital. Your contribution can help those families who are unable to pay for their child's hospitalization and treatments. Popular FM radio morning show hosts, Erik & Kathy of 101.9FM The Mix, will broadcast live from the hospital on Friday, Sept. 6, from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. and all change collected through this effort will be presented.

In addition to serving as the change collection repository, employees of the bank have really embraced this effort and are fundraising in teams, competing to be the one team that raises the most money. The winning team will enjoy an in-studio meet/greet and breakfast with Eric & Kathy.

"We believe you build a better bank by building a better community," said Robert A. Sullivan, president & CEO, Fifth Third Bank (Chicago). "We know that many clients and employees and others in our communities have called on the children's hospital during the darkest of days. Our annual support of this campaign is a no brainer. Our children are the future. We want every child to have the chance to be curious and to think how he or she can, and will, make a difference in the world."


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# EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

## *New Court Initiative To Keep Dangerous Drivers Off The Road*

Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County Timothy C. Evans announced that, for the first time ever, prosecutors throughout Cook County will receive data from nationwide court records for traffic offenders enabling them to provide judges with better information at the time of sentencing for minor traffic cases, thanks to a collaboration between the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Illinois Secretary of State and the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

"From the judges' viewpoint, this is a tremendous leap forward in their ability to help keep the public safe by keeping dangerous drivers off the road. Judges hearing traffic matters rely on prosecutors to provide the most complete information possible at the time of disposition and sentencing," said Chief Judge Evans. "Our goal is to ensure that prosecutors working in traffic courtrooms throughout the Circuit Court receive comprehensive information, so that judges can take it into account before exercising their discretion," said Chief Judge Evans.

Chief Judge Evans and Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County Dorothy Brown announced that in September, the Clerk's office will add important information from the Secretary of State's database to the Clerk's recidivism sheets for offenders. This means that prosecutors will have comprehensive information to provide to judges even in minor traffic cases. A recidivism sheet is routinely provided to city, village and state prosecutors with the countywide daily minor traffic calls. The Secretary of State's database contains information from public court records from all Illinois counties as well as all 50 states and tracks the number of traffic convictions, types of sentences and other dispositions an individual offender has accumulated, which includes dispositions of supervision. Previously, the Clerk's recidivism sheets reflected only an offender's Cook County court record data. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office already has access to the Secretary of State's database for major traffic offenses, including DUIs and driving on a suspended license.

The expanded drivers' information is the result of discussions between Chief Judge Evans's staff and representatives of the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney and the Office of the Chicago Corporation Counsel, which prosecute traffic offenses. Chief Judge Evans organized an agreement between representatives of the offices of Clerk Brown and Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, with input from judges hearing traffic matters, to permit the release of the statewide and nationwide court record data. "I especially thank Secretary White and Clerk Brown for their dedicated involvement in this effort," Chief Judge Evans said.

Clerk Brown said she welcomed the opportunity to work with Chief Judge Evans on the initiative, noting, "I am excited about the potential this improvement has to make our public safety. I am always delighted to work with Chief Judge Evans and look forward to collaborating with him on other ways to enhance services my office offers to the court and its users."

## *Measure To Ensure Equal Access Becomes Law*

In an effort to help small businesses and increase fairness in state contracting, a measure sponsored by state Rep. Elgie Sims (D-Chicago) aimed at assisting businesses owned by women and minorities in Illinois was signed into law.

"One of my top priorities is to keep working on ways that our state can provide more equal opportunities for women and minority-owned businesses," Sims said. "This new law will allow our state to build upon the already established women- and minority-owned businesses. This is a positive step toward creating equal access to much needed business opportunities."

A disparity study conducted by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) found that difficulty securing financing has prevented minority-owned businesses from qualifying to receive contracts. This in turn has also prevented IDOT from meeting its goals for awarding contracts to minority businesses. Public Act 98-011", will aide in increasing the number of minority and women-owned bidders by awarding low-interest loans to small minority and women-owned businesses for the purpose of conducting work for the department.

"In the past, these women and minority-owned businesses were not on the same playing field as other already established contractors in Illinois," Sims said. "I would like to thank Rep. William Davis for taking the lead on this initiative and I strongly encourage all women and minority-owned businesses contractors to start bidding on all available jobs immediately."

Sims represents the 34th Illinois House District, which includes portions of the South Side of Chicago, Chicago's south suburbs, and Will and Kankakee counties. For more information, call (773) 783-8800.

## *CEDA Energy Assistance Program*

Women In Partnership (WIP) will be processing CEDA, LIHEAP, PIPP, Furnace, Weatherization and Cont'd Hardship Applications for Cook County Residents at their local office located 1850 W. 95th St. Chicago. They provide outreach services to senior buildings, CHA sites, community organizations and churches. Their ultimate goal is to reach and accommodate those who are in need. To confirm the month in which you are eligible to apply for assistance, please call (773) 238-5000.

WIP processes applications at their office Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., no appointments necessary. Property managers, Service Coordinators, Churches or Community Organizations seeking to have WIP provide CEDA Outreach Services onsite at their locations can email Darvia Munoz at womenpartnership@yahoo.com. Assistance is available until funds are exhausted. Inquiries regarding income guidelines, required documentation or general questions can be directed to (773) 238-5000.

# *All Points Southwest*

**By THOMAS E. GAVIN**

All Points is pleased to report that Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle gave the keynote address at "Opportunities for Investment in Chicago's Southland" that brought together the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) municipalities and partners including the Center for Neighborhood Technology, Chicago Community Loan Fund, Enterprise Community Partners and the Metropolitan Planning Council.

The event was designed for developers, public officials, planning and economic development directors, and others interested in learning about mixed-use development, housing, quality opportunities and investments near transportation in Chicago's Southland.

President Preckwinkle was pleased to announce that Cook County is now a serious player when it comes to economic growth in the region. Creating the Bureau of Economic Development and the Council of Economic Advisors were two of her first steps after taking office, looking at economic growth from a regional perspective. Since then, along with the support of many in the room, the Cook County Land Bank Authority was launched in January of this year. They will work hand in hand with the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority, as the two land banks will share in the recent allocation of $6 Million from the Illinois portion of the National Foreclosure Settlement, negotiated by the Illinois State Attorney General's Office. $1.5 Million of this award will be designated for the South Suburban Land Bank and Development Authority. The County will also be supporting the land banks with funding to address their demolition needs. Between 2011 to and 2013, $55 Million has been invested in combined Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds in this sub-region.

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U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) has announced that he will host a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Willow Springs Senior and Community Center, 8156 S. Archer Ave., in Willow Springs.

At the Town Hall Meeting, Third Congressional District residents will be able to hear from Rep. Lipinski about his work on their behalf at home and in Washington, as well as ask questions and give their thoughts on federal issues. Staff from the congressman's office will be available 30 minutes before the start of the meeting to provide assistance with Medicare, Social Security, veterans' benefits, and other federal matters.

"I want to personally extend an invitation to the residents of the Third Congressional District to my upcoming Town Hall Meeting. As your representative in Washington and someone who strives to improve the quality of life in the communities I serve, it is critical that I hear from you," Rep. Lipinski said. "This event will be a fantastic opportunity for you to get help on federal programs and to hear about the wide array of constituent services my office provides. It is my privilege to serve you. I am eager to offer my assistance and hear your ideas."

For more information, call (312) 866-0481.

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The Oak Forest Veterans Commission will host the 2nd Annual "I Am An American Day Parade" on Sunday, Sept. 1st at 11 a.m. on Central Avenue between 151st and 156th Street. The patriotic parade will lead to the Oak Forest Park District's Old Time Picnic, a fun filled event for all ages.

A wide variety of groups are participating in this year's parade which include the United States Army Reserve Band.

Additionally, the Veterans Commission will host reenactments of the War of 1812 on Saturday, Sept. 28 and Sunday, the 29th. For more information, call Chrissy Maher at (708) 687-4050, ext. 1043.

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Thanks to a new law sponsored by Senators Bill Cunningham (D-Chicago) and Emil Jones III, Chicago streets will now be a little safer. It will allow police to impound the cars of drivers who dangerously swerve in and out of traffic waving firearms and flashing gang signs during so-called "gang funerals."

"Gang funerals create major safety concerns for area residents and all of Chicago area," Cunningham said. "We must give our police the tools they need to keep our streets safe."

"Funerals are a time for loved ones to celebrate the life of the deceased," Jones said. "I don't know how we got to this point in our culture when a law needs to be in place for us to respect the lives of those killed by reckless gang violence."

In 2012, Mayor Rahm Emanuel began pushing for a stronger law enforcement presence at funerals of gang members. In the past, these funerals have ended with offenders throwing loaded weapons out of cars, dangerous high-speed car chases, and even shots fired. Senate Bill 2154 will continue to crackdown on the gang members that choose to abuse these funerals.

This legislation was a joint effort with Alderman Matthew O'Shea. Cunningham and O'Shea met with area residents whose neighborhoods have been plagued by gang funerals for years. O'Shea, who represents Chicago's 19th Ward, testified on behalf of the legislation before the General Assembly.

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Cook County residents will have greater access to forest preserves and green space under a new law sponsored by state Rep. Kelly Burke, D-Evergreen Park.

"Under this new law, private land that may have otherwise been sold to developers or left untended can now be preserved and opened for public enjoyment," Burke said. "By encouraging cooperation between county officials and private landowners, this measure will generate new opportunities for families to enjoy parks while beautifying our communities with green space."

Senate Bill 1499, which Burke sponsored in the House, opens up new land to forest preserve patrons by allowing the Cook County Forest Preserve to enter into agreements for the use of private land to link existing forest preserves, preserve and manage water resources, and extend roads and parking areas near forest preserves. The Cook County Forest Preserve is working to finalize land-use agreements with several private property owners.

The legislation received unanimous support in both the House and the Senate, and was signed into law recently.

Burke represents the 36th District, which includes Evergreen Park and parts of Oak Lawn, Chicago Ridge, Palos Heights, Palos Hills, Palos Park and Worth, and portions of Chicago's 18th and 19th wards.

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The Irish American Alliance will host its 8th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, Sept. 27th, at George W. Dunne National Golf Course, 16340 S. Central Ave. in Oak Forest. Check in at 11 a.m., Shotgun start at Noon. $125 golfer or $500 foursome includes golf cart, shirt, snacks, open bar from noon until two hours after golf, buffet dinner after golf. Dinner buffet ticket only – $40.

For more information, hole sponsorships or registration call Jerry Doorley at (708) 259-6931 or visit chicagoiaa.org.

# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## *Huge Rummage Sale At The Center*

The Children's Farm at The Center will host its annual rummage sale on Friday and Saturday, August 30 and 31 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. each day at 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

The sale takes place in the indoor riding arena, which is filled with a huge assortment of house wares, hardware, toys, craft items, clothes, jewelry, books, and electronic equipment, plus on the drive and lawn where furniture, sporting goods, and gardening supplies are displayed.

Adjacent to the rummage sale, the Palos Kiwanis Club will sell hotdogs, pop, and coffee as a benefit for The Center. For further information, call The Center at (708) 361-3650 or visit www.thecenterpalos.org.

Pictured Rummage in indoor riding arena and on lawn at the Center.


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"Letters About Literature" invites students to read a book of their choice and write a letter to the author about how the book changed their life or view of the world. Students can enter on their own or through their schools, libraries or other youth organizations.

There are three levels of participation. Level I for grades 4, 5 & 6, Level II for grades 7 & 8 and Level III for grades 9-12. One Illinois winner will be selected for each level and receive a $200 cash award. Teachers of the winning students will receive a $100 cash award to purchase materials for their school library. Winners and teachers will be invited to an awards ceremony in Springfield. The state winners' letters will be forwarded for national judging. One national winner in each of the three competition levels will receive a $1,000 cash award, and one national honor in each level will receive a $200 cash award.

The deadline to enter the competition is Jan. 10, 2014, for Levels I & II, and Dec. 10, 2013, for Level III. State winners will be announced in April 2014. For more information about the competition, contact Bonnie Mathers at (217) 558-2065.


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# OUTDOORS by Jim Kirby

**LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT:** Lemont Bassmasters, along with Rayno Outdoors and the Oak Lawn High School Spartan Fishing Team and its sponsors have joined together to present the "Rayno Outdoors – Oak Lawn Community High School Bass Tournament on the Kankakee Des Plaines River scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 12. Schools may enter an unlimited number of boats. Space is limited to the first 50 boats registered. Cost per boat is $40.

Tournament Directors are **Chris Kuchel** of Oak Lawn High School [illegible] **Kevin McLean** of Lemont Bassmasters [illegible]. Contact either of these gentlemen for details and registration forms.

**SUNDAY IS THE BIG DAY THAT KICKS OFF THE BIRD HUNTING SEASON.** Opening day of dove hunting [illegible] kicked forward by a week [illegible] this year. The season opens Sept. 1, Oct. 28 and Nov. 3-24. [illegible] The daily limit is 15 and possession limit is [illegible]. Unfortunately, the weather on opening day is hot. [illegible] 85° day – eight weight ammo or close to it. A bucket or [illegible] insecticide, plenty of water and a bucket to put the downed birds in, this will allow them to cool off, putting them in a plastic bag or other [illegible] plastic will spoil the meat, putting them on ice would be even more desirable. Doves make great table fare. They're small and as a rule only the breasts are cooked. Salted works great for my family.

No matter what gauge shotgun you're shooting, use an open choke. A full choke or a close in bird will blow the bird apart with no meat left. A common mistake is to not immediately pick up a bird after it is downed. You may think you have it marked for later pickup, but that doesn't work. A good way to retrieve downed birds is a plan. A few dove decoys and a dove call can often be the difference between a good and bad hunt. Don't get discouraged if you're missing some birds; word is the national average is six out of ten birds shot at; the mourning dove in the wild is no easy target, as you raise the gun to fire, the dove will veer off and dive at the same time.

A word of caution here: doves are considered migratory and as such are subject to federal and state hunting regulations. Be sure you have HIP (Harvest Information Registration) and above all, don't shoot over baited ground. *"Facts by courtesy out there."*

**OUTDOOR CALENDAR: Sept. 1:** Opening day of doves and early Canada goose seasons. **Sept. 5:** Midwest Musky Club meeting, 7:30 p.m. Village Sportsman Club, 115th and Laramie Ave. in Alsip, (708) 318-1628. **Sept. 8-23:** Teal season. **Sept. 28-29:** Northern Illinois National Hunting and Fishing Days, Silver Springs State Park, Yorkville.

**HOW KEVIN VANDAM PLANS TO WIN THE ELITE'S LAST STAND OF 2013:** There's a reason why Kevin VanDam (KVD) is the all-time money winner ($8,499,476 to date, to be exact) on the Bassmaster Tournament Trail. The 48-year-old, seven-time "Angler of the Year" knows how to beat bass of all species better than anyone else on earth – and numbers don't lie.

The Elite Series Plano Championship Chase takes place on two vast Great Lakes (Huron and Erie), two colossal rivers (St. Clair and Detroit), as well as a massive lake in itself (Lake St. Clair is about 430 square miles with an average depth of only about 11 feet) are all open for fishing during this event.

According to Kevin: "The amount of water we have to fish during this event is huge. It's all about forage, find the food sources and you will find the predators. This means that the select 99 anglers that made the cut to fish this tournament will use more tackle boxes than ever, and I mean lots of tackle."

"If a participant doesn't bring at least a four-pound average fish each and every day, he won't stand a chance to win this tournament. The wind will play a major factor, it's just that way on such large bodies of water." *(Outdoor Hub)*

*Kirby's comment: I had the pleasure of fishing with Kevin in one Bass Tournament. He is tenacious, sits on that pedestal seat with six pre-rigged rods ready to go.*

**OUTDOOR REPORT:** We're starting to see the days grow shorter, light a minute later in the morning and dark a minute earlier in the evening. This still leaves us with enough daylight hours to make a few casts before going to work in the morning and a few casts on our favorite bodies of water in the evening. "Lake Michigan is starting to settle down weather-wise, perch are getting ready, coho's, brown and steelhead trout being taken by boaters and shore fishermen, and the big news – the kings (Chinook salmon) are moving in with reports of fish up to 29 lbs. being taken in 90-120 feet of water on dodgers and flies using bait. Trout. Willow slough is still producing slab-size bluegills. Local ponds giving up bass and panfish on light tackle, catfish and bass."

**THINK ABOUT IT:** "Eventually you will reach a point where you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it."

**E-Mail Jim Kirby:** [illegible]

# Marist Girls Golf Earns 3rd Place

**The Marist Varsity Girls Golf team kicked off the 2013 season with a strong showing by placing 3rd place in the field of fourteen teams in the Marian Invitational held at Coyote Run on August 19th. Lead by Senior Captain Ashley Kay, Sam Smith, Kelly Barker, Kaitlyn Maloney and Anna Schieber the team posted an impressive score of 361. Ashley Kay earned a medal for finishing in 8th place and also won closest to the pin honors. This is a five place and 22 shot improvement over 2012. Great start to 2013 for the RedHawks.**

**Pictured left to right: Sam Smith, Ashley Kay, Kelly Barker, Kaitlyn Maloney, Anna Schieber.**

## "Birdies For Charity"

On Tuesday, Sept. 3, the third annual "Birdies for Charity" event will take place at the River Forest Country Club in suburban Chicago. The event aims to raise a collective $100,000 for IDRI, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland & Northwest Indiana and Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago – through the Illinois PGA Foundation, which serves as the charitable arm of the Illinois Section PGA. For each birdie made by PGA professionals throughout the day, fans can make a monetary contribution.

"The 'Birdies for Charity' fundraiser is a great way to give back to the community while utilizing one of America's favorite games – golf – as a platform," said Trey VanDyke, Chairman of PGA Illinois Foundation. "Last year, we were able to raise $80,000 during the event, and this year, our goal is to distribute $100,000 to the four remarkable organizations participating."

Throughout the day, more than 20 PGA professionals from around Illinois will play "2 holes". For each birdie made, family, friends, club members and fans have the chance to make a direct donation. Those who would like to contribute can log-on to www.golfgives.org/Birdies4orCharity3, choose a particular player to sponsor and set a donation level.


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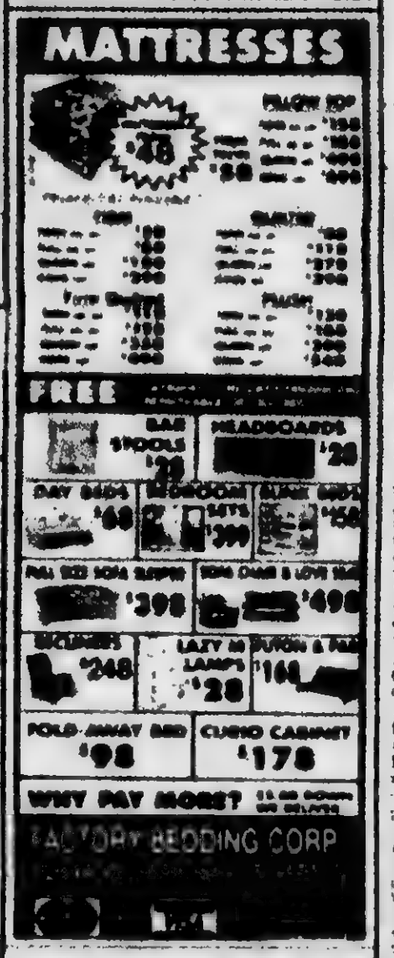


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## MOVIE IN THE MOONLIGHT

Moraine Valley Community College will host Movie in the Moonlight on Saturday, Sept. 21st at 7 p.m. Disney's "Monsters University" will be shown on a 16-foot inflatable screen on the Gateway, between Buildings L and M, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. The event is free.

Bring your own blanket, chairs and food, or purchase snacks from a concession stand. Alcohol is not allowed on Moraine Valley's campus. In the event of inclement weather, the movie will be shown in the Moraine Rooms in Building M. The movie is subject to change.

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Six Queen of Peace students along with two chaperones went to Nazareth Farm for one week to lend a helping hand. Nazareth Farm is a Catholic community in rural West Virginia that transforms lives through a service-retreat experience. They are devoted to living out the Gospel message through the cornerstones of community, simplicity, prayer and service.

While there the girls helped with home repair in the surrounding community. They also did a lot of gardening work directly on the farm. One group of people each day was the home crew. That group was responsible for breakfast, lunch and dinner for the day as well as chores around the house and farm. Most of the ingredients for meals each day are provided directly from the farm gardens.

"I think the best experience I had was the bonfire prayer circle. There, we discussed where we had seen God that week; everyone opened up and had great things to share. Many people had moving stories that changed my outlook on everything," said junior Victoria Graczyk. Every Tuesday is a community night. The farm welcomes the community for dinner to cook and pray with them which the girls said they really enjoyed. "I learned as a community we need to work together to take care of the Earth," said junior Sara Durkin. Queen of Peace plans to keep this a yearly trip.

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# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Navy Midshipman Mackenzie J. Oldfield recently completed "Plebe" Summer at the U.S. Navy Academy. Oldfield is a 2001 graduate of Brother Rice High School in Chicago.

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Navy Midshipman Bleu D. Strong recently completed "Plebe" Summer at the U.S. Navy Academy. Strong is a 2012 graduate of Harold L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn.

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A Military Retiree Appreciation Day will be held Saturday, Oct. 26th at the Rock Island Arsenal. Retirees from all branches of the armed forces and their family members are eligible to attend. The event begins at 7 a.m. and concludes at 1 p.m.

Retiree Appreciation Day is an opportunity for all armed forces retirees, spouses, widows and/or guests to receive updated information about retiree entitlement programs. Photo identification is required for all personnel to access the installation.

Pre-registration is required and must be accomplished by Oct. 12th. The registration form is available online at http://www.mscoy.army.mil/Services/ACAP_Documents.201 and contains detailed information about the event. Direct any questions to (563) 322-4823 or (563) 445-0191.

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The Illinois Army National Guard's 129th Regional Training Institute Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Camp Lincoln in Springfield commissioned 34 Soldiers as second lieutenants during the OCS graduation ceremony at Springfield High School on Aug. 25th. To meet the commissioned requirements, an officer candidate must complete more than 65h hours of classroom and field instruction. Candidates are evaluated on leadership abilities along with academics. They must also complete many physical and mental tasks, such as road marches and tactical exercises.

Area officers among the 28 newly commissioned traditional program officers are: 2nd Lt. Matthew Biesse of Aurora, with Company G, 634th Brigade Support Battalion in Crestwood. 2nd Lt. Landon Foy of Park Forest, with the 1744th Transportation Company in North Riverside. 2nd Lt. Jason Harrison of Lisle, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 178th Infantry Regiment in Chicago. 2nd Lt. Benjamin Klingbery of LaGrange Park, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 178th Infantry Regiment in Chicago. 2nd Lt. Simon Lee of Chicago, with the 1744th Transportation Company in Crestwood. 2nd Lt. Monica Perez of Mount Prospect, with 933rd Military Police Company in Fort Sheridan. 2nd Lt. Peter Pogwizd of Chicago, with Troop B, 2nd Battalion, 106th Cavalry Regiment in Dixon. 2nd Lt. Antonio Reyes of Chicago, with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 178th Infantry Regiment in Chicago.

2nd Lt. Monica Perez of Mount Prospect received the highest overall leadership evaluation score over the entire OCS program. Perez was also among the three soldiers to receive honors. The honor award is a calculation of peer evaluations, leadership evaluations, academic evaluations and physical fitness, determining the top three overall officer candidates. Perez received the second honor for maintaining the second highest course average.

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Benjamin O. Davis VFW Post 311, 2234 Governors Highway in Richton Park, is hosting Stand Down 2013, which is an outreach program for Homeless Veterans seeking rest, hope and fellowship, on Saturday, Sept. 7th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. National Statistics tell us that veterans who become homeless do so approximately 7 years after their military discharge. Each year more and more veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan are seeking services and experiencing many of the same difficulties as veterans of previous wars.

Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy is collecting toiletries and sundry items for the Veterans Outreach event. Donations of gently-used men's clothing are also needed. Donations must be received before Wednesday, Sept. 4th, at Commissioner Murphy's District Office, 5405 W. 127th St. in Crestwood. All items will be packaged and given away to the homeless veterans.

At "Stand Down - Richton Park" there will be free health screenings, haircuts, clothing and meals. Many Social Service agencies and Veteran coordinators will be available for helpful information and services.

Remember our homeless veterans by donating items for the collection drive. For more information, call Patrice at Commissioner Joan Murphy's Office at (708) 389-2129. If you wish to volunteer or for sponsorship opportunities, contact Bill Browne at Billbrown1225@comcast.net or (708) 705-6080.

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Quote of the Week: "Be wiser than other people if you can, but do not tell them so." - Lord Chesterfield

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK NA Plaintiff v. BRADLEY J. JOHNSON CARY A. JOHNSON OLD NATIONAL BANK MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A. Defendants 12 CH 01706 1500 S. OAKLEY AVENUE BERWYN VIEW II 60655 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 16, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 10, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1500 S. OAKLEY AVENUE, BERWYN VIEW II, 60655 Property Index No. 16-25-401-016-1008. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $[illegible] Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Please refer to file number 14-12-09270. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-12-09270 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 12 CH 03706 I 5GCR 13-15009 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 5568239

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK NA Plaintiff, v. ROSA ELENA VILLALOBOS, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY) PLATINUM CLEARING CORP. BANK OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 12 CH 20974 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 23, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at Monday, September 9, 2013 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 16-22-400-026-1008 Commonly known as 3024 South Hermitage, Unit 2B, Chicago, IL 60608

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit our website at http://service.pbfcorp.com Between 3 pm and 5 pm only. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number 0038-5185. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122 655659

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE, AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-EC1 Plaintiff, vs. JOHN J. TORAN, THE TARA CONDOMINIUMS AND VILLAS, MOTTINGHAM, GREAT SENECA FINANCIAL CORP., UNKNOWN OWNERS & NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 12 CH 17074

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 2, 2013, I intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, October 4, 2013, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 14-21-300-026-1006 Commonly known as 4631 NORTHBROOK LANE, UNIT C4, CHICAGO, IL 60645

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION CITIBANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR BEAR STEARNS ALT-A TRUST 2005-7 Plaintiff, vs. DAMIAN CISZER, ONE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SEND TO WAMU BANK, FSB, TATIANA CISZER AKA ASSOCIATION, VALENA CISZER, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAMIAN CISZER, IF ANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 10 CH 28074

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on April 10, 2013, I intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, October 4, 2013, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 24-19-200-026-1006 Commonly known as 10041 WOODS DRIVE, UNIT 104, CHICAGO, IL 60415

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK NA Plaintiff, v. BRADLEY J. JOHNSON CARY A. JOHNSON OLD NATIONAL BANK MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A. Defendants 12 CH 01706 1500 S. OAKLEY AVENUE BERWYN VIEW II 60655 NOTICE OF SALE

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Please refer to file number 14-12-09270. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-12-09270 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code. 21762 Case Number: 12 CH 01706 I 5GCR 13-15009 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 5568239

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION HOMEWAY RESIDENTIAL INC. Plaintiff, v. ROMAN LACEY EMU, PARKSIDE VILLA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants, 12 CH 07606 4800 PARKSIDE AVENUE, UNIT 4001 CHICAGO RIDGE, IL 60415 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 20, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 11:30 AM on September 13, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4800 PARKSIDE AVENUE, UNIT 4001, CHICAGO RIDGE, IL 60415 Property Index No. 24-17-200-074-1009.

The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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For information: Visit our website at www.rlsolutions.com between the hours of 1 and 3 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PR 22724. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PR 22724 Attorney Code. 91220 Case Number: 12 CH 3728 I 5GCR 13-15450

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCH BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-1 Plaintiff, v. RAJESH PUMA DAVID PUMA AKA DAVID S. PUMA CITIBANK, N.A. Defendants, 10 CH 37291 9543 CENTRAL AVENUE OAK LAWN, IL 60453 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 5, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 10, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9543 CENTRAL AVENUE, OAK LAWN, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-09-111-049-0000.

The real estate is improved with a two story single family home not a detached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP Plaintiff, v. ROBERT HENDERSON UNKNOWN OWNERS AND LEGATEES Defendants, 09 CH 05401 4614 W. 80TH STREET OAK LAWN, IL 60453 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 2, 2012, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 11:30 AM on September 20, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4614 W. 80TH STREET, OAK LAWN, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-09-227-018.

The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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# Services Available To Grandparents & Other Older Relatives Raising Children

More than 2.7 million grandparents are responsible for the basic needs of one or more grandchildren under the age of 18, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In suburban Cook County, more than 17,400 grandparents are raising grandchildren, 33.8 percent of them over the age of 60.

In addition to grandparents, many other older relatives are also raising children.

They are often thrust into their roles unprepared and face unique challenges. Typically, they are not aware that services are available to them and don't know how to navigate the systems with which they need to interact, according to Marisol Villa, AgeOptions countywide caregiver coordinator.

"AgeOptions and our network of community agencies in suburban Cook County provide services at no charge to support older adults and other non-parent relatives raising children," she said. These include counseling, support groups, connection to resources, limited financial assistance and assistance with legal matters such as guardianship and adoption.

The median income of older adults raising children, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, is $45,526. 594,000 have incomes below the poverty level, and 1.7 million are in the labor force, including 138,000 who are 60 or older.

All grandfamilies have their own stories. One of those is Judy L., who lives in the western suburbs and is raising her son's two daughters, ages 7 and 8. She received temporary guardianship because of her son's incarceration. The children's parents had an unstable relationship that included her son's sentencing, and a week later the children were removed from their mother's custody because of child neglect.

Judy's challenges include:

- Obtaining plenary guardianship or full custody because of the difference in laws between Illinois, where she lives, and Wisconsin, where the children are from. The children's mother is attempting to prevent her from obtaining those rights.
- Sacrificing her relationship of 26 years, resulting in the loss of a second income in the home.
- Being $44 over the federal income guidelines for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), meaning she is not able to receive assistance with daycare. She was also denied SNAP (formerly food stamps) benefits because her income is above guidelines.
- Finding a good school. Judy is getting her granddaughters ready for school and is concerned about the expenses of school clothes and supplies. She has most of the required documents for school, but the school they attended in Wisconsin has not sent their report cards. Furthermore, the school the girls will attend is the only one in the district that does not offer a breakfast program.

Judy has been receiving assistance from one of 10 AgeOptions-funded Caregiver Resource Centers. "The caregiver specialist has been amazing," she said. "She met me in my home and has helped me with several services, including a voucher that allowed me to purchase a bunk bed, comforters and other things for my granddaughters. This was such a big help."

The counselor is also helping Judy try to get child-only TANF benefits and helping her determine where to receive behavioral and speech re-evaluations for the children.

Concerning her grandchildren, Judy says, "I love them. I love spending time with them, teaching them chores and responsibilities to better prepare them for life when they become adults, giving them a different environment, taking them to places like the zoo and bringing them around their aunts and cousins."

Her advice for other non-parent relatives raising children is: "Be patient and also realize what you're getting into. It's a lifetime commitment and it's important to check out available resources beforehand to be better prepared."

Grandparents and other older relatives raising children can gain access to services by contacting agencies in their community or AgeOptions at (708) 383-0258, for TTY users (708) 524-1663.

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# Southwest Area Obituaries

### Nancy Benedetto

Mass was said at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, on Monday, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Nancy C. Benedetto, 78. She worked for 44 years for the Village of Crestwood with 32 years as the village clerk.

She is survived by her son William (Letitia) Venegas, one grandchild and her brothers John (Carla) and Donald.

### Edith M. Brower

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Edith M. Brower, 91. She was the wife of the late James A.

She is survived by her children Catherine (Tom) Frangos, Robert (Sylvie), William (Barbara), Thomas (Barbara), and Judy Burk, eleven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, her brother Art Fox and her sister Christine Stratton.

### Calvin A. Buckner

Private services were held and other memorial services will be announced for Calvin A. Buckner, 41, who was born in Blue Island, IL. He worked for the Van Gorp Corporation in Pella, Iowa.

He is survived by his parents Stephen (Sally) Buckner, Sr. and Carole Buckner, his brother Stephen Buckner, Jr. and his sister Lori (Mark) Buckner Fendant, his step siblings Jay (Amanda) and Grant (Ashley) Erickson.

### Robert David Bemiss, Jr.

Services will be held at the Hann Funeral Home, Bridgeview, 8230 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, on Friday, August 30th at 10 a.m., with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Robert David Bemiss, Jr. He was 77, a veteran of the U.S. Army and the husband of the late Margaret. He was a retired truck driver.

He is survived by his children Robert and Dale.

### Thomas Corradin

Services were held in Orland Park, on Saturday, for Thomas Corradin, 56, of Orland Hills.

He is survived by his wife Linda L., his father Reno Corradin, his children Lisa (Randy) Walter, and Heather Corradin, two grandchildren, his brothers Ron, Dave (Lori) and Dan (Monica).

### Jeffrey B. Gram

Services were held at the Lack and Sons Funeral Home, Hickory Hills, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for Jeffrey B. Gram of Worth. He was 56. He served the Moraine Valley Police Department from 1977 until his retirement in 2009, where he was a police officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant and acting Chief. He was in charge of training and oversaw the patrol division and he was instrumental in the transition of the office to an armed police department in 2001. He was a part-time officer on the Crestwood Police Department from 1993 to 1996, the Justice Police Department from 1986 to 1988 and the Palos Park Police Department from 2000 to 2003. He was a past member of the Illinois Community College Law Enforcement Administration Association, the Illinois Juvenile Committee, the Illinois Criminal Sexual Assault Task Force and he was a founding board member of the Moraine Valley Community College Alumni Association.

He is survived by his children Richard, John, James and Anna Gram, his brother Richard and his sister Linnea (Arlan) Fouts.

### Wayne A. Kilpatrick

Services will be held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, 4200 W. 147th Street in Midlothian, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 31 for Wayne A. Kilpatrick, late of Crestwood. He was an auto mechanic.

He is survived by his former wife Mary Jo Blaszak, his children Tina Hughes and Joseph Kilpatrick and two grandchildren.

### Robert LePitre

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Robert L. LePitre, 81. He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran serving in the Korean War.

He has no immediate survivors.

### Ralph A. Nelsen

Services were held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, on Friday, for Ralph A. Nelsen, 79, and a 55 year resident of Midlothian. He was a retired fleet manager.

He is survived by his wife Joan, his children Laurie Pearson, Kathy Nelsen, Caryl Wisniewski and Mark Nelsen, seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild and his sister Nancy Wilke.

### Warren Ray Petrie

A memorial service will be held on August 29th at 10:30 a.m. at the Faith United Methodist Church, 15101 S. 80th Ave., Orland Park, for Warren Ray. He was the owner of the Petrie Dental Lab for 40 years.

He is survived by his wife Kathryn, his children Joel (Hope), and Christine (Christopher) Lee, five grandchildren and his sister JoAnne Koman.

### Diana E. Schiltz

Mass was said at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, on Saturday, with a private interment for Diana E. Schiltz.

She is survived by her husband Clarence "Dan", her children Sherry (Chris) Rybczyk, Danny (Sue), Shawn (Amber Starchvick), Sandy (Patrick) Johnson, her mother Evelyn Slomski, nine grandchildren, her brothers Henry (Linda) and David (Jenny) Slomski and her sister Joyce (Steve) Narel.

### William M. Smith

Services were held at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, Mokena, on Thursday, August 22nd, with interment at Pleasant Hill Cemetery for William M. Smith, 92, of Mokena. He was born and raised in the Angel Guardian Orphanage in Chicago and he was a WWII Veteran.

He is survived by his wife Irene, his children Steve (Billie), Kevin, Karen (Kent) Hessner, Marlin (Connie), and Caroline Pachol, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and his sisters Bernice Peters and Rosemarie Cesna.

### Roderick W. Story

Services were held at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, Mokena, on Friday, with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, for Roderick W. Story, 83, of Frankfort. He was a Korean War Army Veteran. He was the husband of the late Marlene. He was a pilot with the Stone Container Company for 15 years.

He is survived by his current wife Evelyn Story, his children Linda Bouck and Scott (Marlene), his stepchildren Gina Tibert, Louis (Vicki) Tibert and Tom (Anne) Tibert, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### Tony TenKate

Services were held in Orland Park, on Friday, with interment at Clarendon Hills Cemetery, for Tony TenKate, 83. He was retired from Argonne National Laboratory as a senior chemical analyst and a retired teacher of Physics at Trinity Christian College with 20 years of services.

He is survived by his wife Lynn, his children Laurens (Janice) TenKate, Maria (Russell) Gracik & Scott (Katherine) Gillis, five grandchildren, his sisters Cathrien Scheurer, Laura Boomstra & Marga TenKate & his brother Jan TenKate.


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# 5K To Benefit Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation

Colleen Kisel knew she could not spare her son the fear and pain of cancer treatment.

Desperate to intervene in any way, she thought: Give him something, a little source of comfort, to divert his attention.

Martin endured many painful procedures, including intensive chemotherapy, to fight acute lymphocytic leukemia. So Kisel started to buy her seven-year old a small new toy each time.

"I discovered that it became a calming distraction from his pain," said Kisel, an Orland Park resident, of her idea hatched in February 1993.

Martin thankfully would win his fight. And then Kisel conceived a way to reproduce on a massive scale what she had done for her boy.

In 1996 she founded the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation, which provides free toys, gifts, and gift cards to children and teenagers in treatment for cancer.

It is the only charity of its kind in the nation. POTCF serves many hospitals throughout the Chicago area, including Advocate Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn, and the nation.

Richards High School donated proceeds, nearly $11,000, from its inaugural 5K run and walk last year to POTCF. Richards will support POTCF this year, too.

Running with the Bulldogs, set for Sunday, Sept. 22 at 8 a.m., again will serve as a fund raiser for Kisel's organization. Anyone can register at www.runwiththedogs.com.

Love and compassion motivated Kisel to act on behalf of her son. Health care professionals appreciate her work.

Colleen Kisel, the founder of Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation, appears with Richards High School physical education teacher Bob Peck.

# Offer Pharmacy Technicial Training

To meet the demand for certified pharmacy technicians, Moraine Valley Community College is offering a Pharmacy Technician Review Program with classes starting Sept. 17th. Pharmacy technicians help licensed pharmacists prepare prescription medications, provide customer service, and perform administrative duties in retail, hospital or business pharmacy settings.

The Bureau of Labor and Statistics projects that pharmacy technician employment is expected to increase 31 percent by 2018. It also suggests that pharmacy technicians with formal education or training, previous work experience, and national certification will be sought after to meet these demands. According to *simplyhired.com*, the average salary for pharmacy technicians in the Chicago area is $32,000.

Moraine Valley's review program comprises Pharmacy Technician Review and Pharmacy Mathematics. This program provides a review of pharmacy principles and procedures to prepare entry level pharmacy technicians to take the PCTE National Pharmacy Technicians Exam. Course content includes review of various disease states, basic physiology, pharmacy law, ethics, mathematics, and the fundamentals of technician training. The courses will introduce students to various settings in pharmacy practice, including the community, hospital, managed care, mail order, and long-term care. Information on qualifying for the pharmacy certification examination also will be provided.

To be eligible for the exam, candidates must have a high school diploma or its equivalent and no felony convictions of any kind. In addition, applicants for the PTCE exam must not have had any drug-related or pharmacy-related convictions, including misdemeanors. Many employers will reimburse the cost of the exams. Students may qualify for grant funding through Illinois WorkNet for this program. Visit *morainevalley.edu/wia* for more details.

For information, call Moraine Valley's Corporate, Community and Continuing Education area at (708) 974-5735 or visit *ccce@moraine.valley.edu*. To register online, go to *moraine.valley.edu*, click on Register and Pay for Noncredit Classes under the Academic Focus section, click on Prospective Students, Search, register and pay for noncredit classes, and use the keyword "pharmacy."

# Seek New Members

The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park, invites new members to join its choir, which rehearses this fall on Monday evenings from 7 until 8 p.m. beginning Sept. 9.

Known as the Center Singers, the choir performs once a month on Sunday afternoons at Wayside Chapel Vespers services and at special seasonal events such as The Center's Christmas Cantata. The choir is led by Director Penny Wills and accompanied by rehearsal pianist Shirley Swanson.

For further information contact (708) 361-3650 or www.thecenterpalos.org.

# Animal Education Classes

Animal lovers in search of general knowledge about caring for their pets should enroll in a series of four new Animal Education classes offered at Moraine Valley Community College this fall. Classes will be on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

Basic Animal Health provides a basic understanding of veterinary care so owners will be an active participant in the well-being of the family pet. This three-week class begins Sept. 12. The fee is $50.

Sign up for Animal Behavior: Speaking Your Dog's Language to learn to better communicate with a family pet. Students in this two-week class will learn basic knowledge of animal behavior, which will help to enhance the human-animal bond. Class begins Oct. 3rd. The fee is $33.

In Common Household Toxins, the class will discuss toxic substances lurking around the house that could potentially cause life-threatening problems for an animal. Learn ways to pet-proof the home and what to do if a pet ingests a toxic substance or overdoses on something. This three-week class begins on Oct. 17th. The fee is $50.

The Basic Animal First Aid class will teach basic wound care, medication administration and handling a pet during transportation to the vet's office. Learn useful tips to keep a pet safe and comfortable as well as get suggestions on developing a pet first aid kit for the home. This two-week class begins Nov. 7th. The fee is $33.

Register today in person at the Registration Office, located in S125 on campus, or by calling (708) 974-2110 (TTY for the hearing impaired: 708-974-9556). Participants also can register online at *morainevalley.edu* by selecting "Register for Noncredit Classes" under Academic Focus and then "Search, register and pay for noncredit classes."

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 6 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 12:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 7 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon

SEPTEMBER 9 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 11 – Wednesday – Farmers Market, Dumke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 am. to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday except Sept. 4th.)

SEPTEMBER 11 – Wednesday – Free Blood Pressure Screenings, Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95th St., 10 to 11 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 11 – Wednesday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 12 – Thursday – Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 12 – Thursday – Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 16 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 17 – Tuesday – Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 17 – Tuesday – OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, Lower Level Rotary Room, 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 17 – Tuesday – Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 18 – Wednesday – Farmers Market, Dumke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 am. to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday except Sept. 4th.)

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# Francis Cardinal George To Celebrate Marist 50th Anniversary Mass

Marist High School will mark 50 years of operation as a leading Chicago-area co-educational Catholic high school on September 9, 2013, with a special outdoor stadium mass and community celebration led by Francis Cardinal George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago.

Cardinal George will lead hundreds of Marist students, faculty, alumni, parents, religious leaders and Marist community friends for a special mass at 9 a.m. in the school's contemporary outdoor Red & White Stadium located east of the main school building at 4200 W. 115th Street, Chicago. The mass will kick off a year-long celebration of the school's rich history and traditions.

With more than 18,000 current alumni, Marist High School opened its doors on September 9, 1963, under the continuing leadership and direction of the Marist Brothers. The school has thrived over the last five decades, developing an innovative and demanding college preparatory curriculum that serves Chicago-area and suburban students at all academic levels and promotes a legacy of faith, family and service.

"While this mass honors our rich past, it even more distinctly starts our path for the next fifty years," said Br. Patrick McNamara, fms, President of Marist. "As a school and faith community, we are committed to serving the families of the Southwest Side well into the 21st century, and we are working everyday to secure all of the resources that are required to complete this mission."

As it has continued to grow in recent years, Marist has made significant capital improvements and additions that have provided more classrooms, a theatre, computer labs, new and improved athletic facilities and more. Academically, Marist graduates have gone on to top universities and achieved success in a variety of industries across the nation. Last spring, 98% of the graduates chose colleges in 16 states, while others headed directly for military duty or job training.

One of the most significant changes for the school was its transition to a co-ed enrollment during the 2002-2003 school year with the first co-ed class graduating in 2006. The 50th anniversary has also provided a springboard for the school to implement cutting edge technology that focuses on collaborative learning and supports the dedicated teachers who staff three different college-prep programs.

Above all, the past 50 years have been a journey in faith for the school family. The opportunity for young men and women to grow spiritually and live out the mission of the school by serving others has always been at the forefront of life at Marist, from a long-standing senior service outreach program today serving 18 local organizations to service projects in the community to U.S. and international mission trips.

Celebrating 50 years of excellence, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street, Chicago, IL 60655, is a Catholic, college-prep, co-ed institution committed to making Jesus known and loved while preparing students for higher education and life.

# Adult Grief Support Program

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is now accepting registrations for the adult grief support program, Living When a Loved One Has Died. The group offers supportive and skilled companionship for those who are mourning the death of their loved one.

This adult bereavement program originated in 1982 and has been privileged to support hundreds of people in the community. The program was created to offer a compassionate and respectful atmosphere to guide the bereaved at a most difficult time in their life. "The depth of pain after the death of a loved one is something disconcerting and very frightening to anyone grieving," said Peg Schneider, Chaplain in the Pastoral Care Department, and co-coordinator of Heart Connection and Bereavement Services at Little Company of Mary. "Coming to a support group and being with others who are mourning the death of a loved one of similar circumstances is not only helpful, but contributes to the healing and lessening of pain."

The fall session of Living When a Loved One Has Died begins on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Mary Potter Pavilion, located at 2850 W. 95th St. in Evergreen Park. Pre-registration is required. Group sessions continue for seven consecutive weeks. For further information or to register for any of the bereavement programs offered at Little Company of Mary, call co-coordinators of bereavement services, Peg Schneider, Chaplain, or Arlene Dulski, Counselor, at 708-229-5484.

# Call For Remaining Metra Board Members To Resign

Cook County Commissioners Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman, Gregg Goslin, Timothy O. Schneider and Peter N. Silvestri have sponsored and submitted a resolution requesting the remaining three Metra board members representing Cook County to submit letters of resignation from the Metra Board of Directors.

With Metra tasked with running one of the largest metropolitan rail systems in the country the commissioners feel it's imperative that the Metra Board has the confidence of the public they serve to oversee the Chicago region's commuter rail service.

The resolution calls for the three Cook County Metra board members to continue to serve at the pleasure of the Cook County Suburban Caucus until suitable replacements are selected. This timeframe will allow for a quorum to be maintained and ensure that Metra's day to day operations continue to run uninterrupted. "The replacement of the present Metra directors will be a transparent and deliberate process in which we will seek the highest quality candidates that will complement one another and bring a variety of skills to the board of this large public business," said Commissioner Goslin.

The commissioners cited the public's suspicion and skepticism as more allegations surface which makes it nearly impossible for the remaining Metra board members to continue in their positions with any public confidence. The recent report by the RTA Board highlighted the commissioners' deep concern when it revealed that the Metra Board failed to consider the Employment Practices Liability insurance which would've provided coverage if a lawsuit was filed by former Metra CFO Alex Clifford.

Commissioner Schneider stated, "After careful thought and investigation, this resolution provides accountability while ensuring that day to day operations at Metra are left undisturbed. We can now begin to rebuild the leadership structure at Metra and regain the public's confidence in their commuter rail system." Commissioner Silvestri added, "The facts are in from the RTA and the State. It's time to move forward with a new board."

The resolution also urges the Metra Board to take no substantive action regarding the hiring of a new CEO or appointment of a Board Chairperson until all remaining Metra board members have been replaced and a new full eleven-person Metra Board has been seated.

"I agree with my fellow commissioners that a clean start is needed to restore the public's confidence in Metra. I would hope we can have an entirely new Metra Board in place by the start of 2014," stated Commissioner Gorman.

The resolution will be taken up at the next Cook County Board of Commissioners Meeting to be held on Wednesday, Sept. 11th at the County Building, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 569, Chicago, IL 60602.

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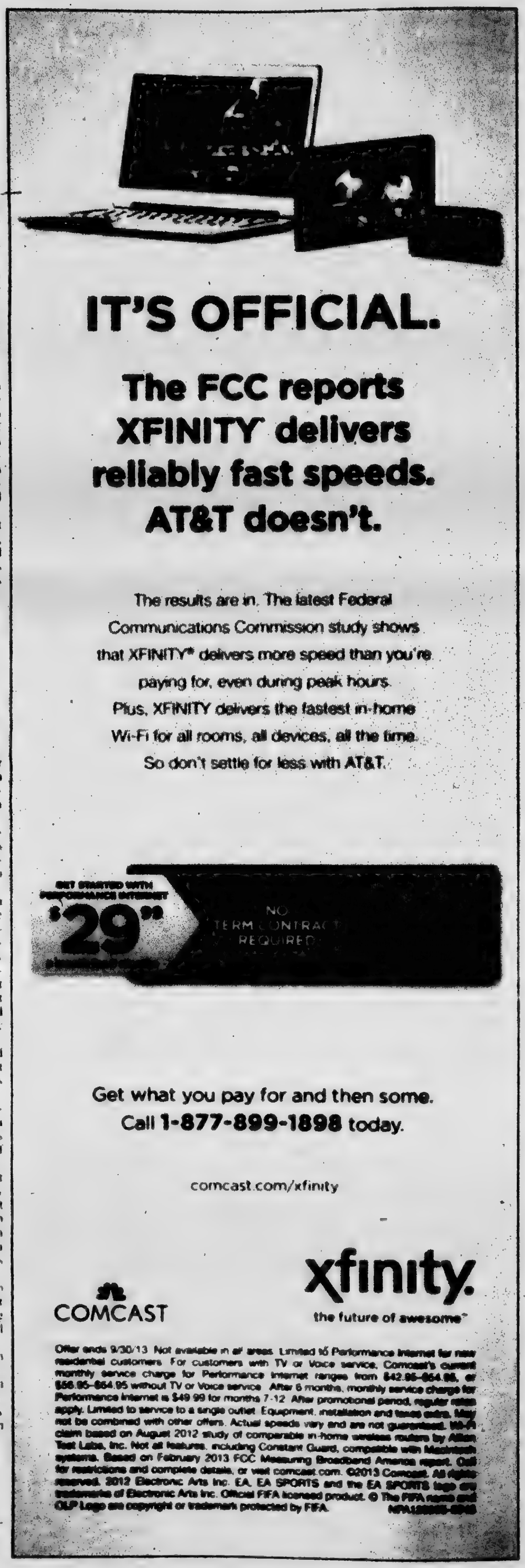

## Participate In National Earthquake Drill

At 10:17 a.m. on Oct. 17, millions of people in 37 states, the District of Columbia and portions of several countries are expected to "Drop, Cover and Hold On" as they participate in the Great U.S. ShakeOut earthquake drill. The event will mark the first time states across the U.S. will join together in the drill designed to raise awareness about earthquake risks and the ways people can stay safe when the ground starts shaking.

Illinois has participated in ShakeOut drills for the past three years as part of the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut. In Feb. 2013, more than 570,000 people in Illinois registered for the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut, which also included the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma and Tennessee. To date, more than 180,000 people in Illinois are registered for the October drill.

"We're excited to be part of the national effort to raise awareness of earthquake safety," said IEMA Director Jonathon Monken. "The drill takes just a few minutes, but the lessons learned could save countless lives."

Monken noted that the most powerful earthquakes to ever occur in the U.S. happened a little more than 200 years ago in the New Madrid Seismic Zone, which reaches into southern Illinois. That series of earthquakes lasted for several months and shaking was felt as far away as the East Coast.

Schools, businesses, government agencies, families and others are encouraged to register to participate in the drill at www.shakeout.org/centralus. Registered participants will receive additional information about the drill and earthquake preparedness. While the multi-state drill will take place on Oct. 17, individual drills can be conducted anytime within two weeks of that date.

The drill focuses on the "Drop, Cover and Hold On" protective actions people should take when an earthquake begins: "Drop" down to the floor, take "Cover" under a sturdy desk, table or other furniture, and "Hold On" to the furniture item and be prepared to move with it until the shaking stops.

Additional information about the earthquake risk in Illinois and steps to take before, during and after an earthquake is available at www.ReadyIllinois.gov.

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# Act To Avoid Growing Facebook Phishing Scams

Facebook, with over one billion users, not only is one of the most popular social media platforms but also offers scammers plenty of opportunities to take advantage of its users. Since the number of Facebook users are increasing, the number of scams are as well. Through Facebook phishing, scammers are acquiring consumers' usernames, passwords, credit card details and other personal information. These phishing scams occur when users receive phishing links via private inbox, chat messages or Timeline posts. Once the Facebook user clicks on the link, private information is taken by the scammer.

Facebook phishing scams can happen in a variety of different ways, so it can be difficult to recognize them. However, there are several common ones:

- In one scenario, a Facebook user receives a link in a private message from a friend. The link leads the user to a page where the user's name and password are needed.
- In another type of scam, the Facebook user gets a private inbox message from someone on the Facebook security team, stating that the user has to quickly confirm their account.
- Phishing scams can also be found in the Timeline through ads that include links.

"Websites with over one billion users give scammers plenty of opportunities to not only steal users' information but also to target other users," said Steve J. Bernas, president & CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois. "Even though Facebook phishing scams can be difficult to recognize, consumers need to be careful with their personal information."

The BBB offers the following tips to people to recognize and avoid Facebook phishing scams:

- **Read messages entirely.** If you receive a message asking for your account information, fully read the message that was sent to you. Most people don't read entire messages that were sent to them, so scammers use this to their advantage.
- **Look at the message's content.** When looking at the message you received, be sure to check for a few key things. Check for spelling or grammatical errors. If there are errors, the message was probably written by someone who doesn't speak the same language as you. Also, check to see if the message urges you to "respond quickly" or "click a link right away." If this is written, it is probably a scam.
- **Check the message sender.** Check whether this message comes from a friend, a stranger or from someone saying to be from the website security team. Remember that Facebook security members rarely make contact with users unless the user makes initial contact first.
- **Use a safe browser.** Activate your browser's "Safe Browsing" feature. When this feature is used, it will catch most phishing scams for you.
- **Never give out personal information.** No matter what the message says, never give out any usernames or passwords, no matter how promising the message or link seems.

For more tips and information about Facebook phishing scams, visit www.bbb.org.

# Illinois State Bar Assn. 'Audio' Law Ed Programs

The following continuing legal education programs hosted by the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), taking place via telephone from 12 to 1 p.m. (CST), will be held as follows:

- Tuesday, Sept. 10, Choice of Entity for Real Estate - A National Perspective
- Thursday, Sept. 12, UCC 9: Fixtures, Liens, Foreclosures & Remedies - A National Perspective
- Tuesday, Sept. 17, Transactions among Partners LLC Members and Partnerships LLCs: Major Tax Traps for the Unwary - A National
- Thursday, Sept. 19, Estate Planning to Reflect Religious and Philosophical Beliefs - A National
- Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013, Update on Advising Physician and Dental Practices, Part 1 - A National Perspective
- Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2013, Update on Advising Physician and Dental Practices, Part 2 - A National Perspective

Cost for each of the ISBA Teleseminars is $59 for ISBA members and $119 for non-members. When sharing a phone line at the same location, cost is $59 ISBA member, $119 non-member for the first person and each person thereafter is $49 ISBA member, $109 non-member.

Registrants will receive call-in information and program materials via e-mail prior to the program. For more information about the new ISBA Teleseminar programs, visit: http://www.isba.org/cle/teleseminar or call toll free 1-800-252-8908.

The 32,000-member ISBA (isba.org), with offices in Springfield and Chicago, provides professional services to Illinois lawyers, and education and services to the public through a website (illinoislawyerfinder.com), consumer brochures, and distribution of legal information.

## Protecting Your Personal Information

Protecting your personal identity information has become as much of a necessity today as looking both ways when crossing a street. And while there are various ways identity thieves attempt to steal your personal information, a recent poll by the Better Business Bureau (BBB) shows consumers are neglecting to protect themselves against the most common ID theft techniques.

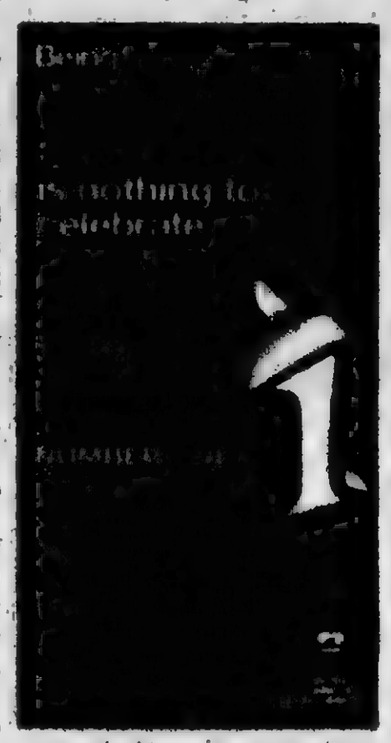
The BBB poll showed that while slightly more than 25 percent of respondents rightly believe a lost or stolen credit card is a significant threat to personal identity information, only 12 percent consider bills, invoices and other personal paper thrown out in the trash to be a significant threat.

"It is ironic two aspects of identity protection that are the easiest to accomplish are considered the most and least important in the view of many people," said Steve J. Bernas, president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving Chicago and Northern Illinois.

Much more likely ID theft possibilities, like losing a credit card or trashing a bill with a card number printed on it, get much less media coverage, Bernas commented, than other more difficult acts such as stealing information from telephone or online credit card purchases, or hackers stealing personal information.

"Using credit cards when shopping or eating out has become such an automatic action for many people that they mindlessly hand over their identities," Bernas stated. "Paying the credit card bills and throwing out the receipts too often fall into the same category. Stealing your identity information from these actions is a lot easier for ID thieves than it is for them to accomplish sophisticated computer hacking."

The BBB president explained that people need to take more responsibility for protecting their identities in ways that they can control. Guarding credit cards and shredding any documents with personal information are two actions every person can take to lessen the risk of their identity being stolen. For more consumer tips, visit www.bbb.org.



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# EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

## *Heart Of Wastewater Treatment Celebrates 100 Years*

The heart of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRD's) seven wastewater reclamation plants marked a major milestone in its history as the activated sludge process turned 100 years old this summer.

The Water Environment Federation, a not-for-profit technical and educational organization representing water quality professionals around the world, convened a special forum in June at Stonehill College in Easton, Mass., as a tribute to the early research work done in nearby Lawrence, Mass., to improve the wastewater treatment process.

Along with distinguished industry leaders from North America and Europe, MWRD Director of Engineering Dr. Catherine O'Connor, Assistant Director of Engineering Thomas Kunetz, and Supervising Environmental Research Scientist Dr. Joseph Kozak participated in a forum titled "Activated Sludge on its 100th Birthday: Challenges and Opportunities."

The development of the process revolutionized modern sewage treatment across the globe, allowing the treatment process to take place in a much smaller footprint than previously possible. The improvements in sanitation were key to allowing cities like Chicago to grow and prosper through improved public health and a cleaner environment. In 1922, the MWRD first installed the activated sludge process at the Des Plaines River Sewage Treatment Works, however, this plant no longer exists.

The activated sludge process has its roots in experiments carried out at the Lawrence Research Station in Massachusetts beginning in 1912, using vertical slabs of slate immersed in a tank of aerated sewage. An observer at the Lawrence Research Station shared the information with two chemists named Ardern and Lockett of Manchester, England. The team continued the experiments, and in 1914 they refined the process by reintroducing bacteria that was removed from the process by settling – called "sludge" – back into the aerated tank. This bacteria was alive and "active," ready to consume more food, so they coined the term "activated sludge" to describe the recycled slurry.

"The event at Stonehill was a gathering of some of the world's foremost innovators in the wastewater industry who over the last 30 years pioneered ground-breaking improvements to the activated sludge process that are commonplace today," said Dr. O'Connor. "They encouraged the researchers and practitioners who will follow them to build upon their work and meet the new challenges of the new century: nutrient recovery and energy reduction."

The MWRD is working today to reduce energy consumption at its plants by 40 percent by modifying the wastewater treatment process without reducing the quality of the effluent. One test underway is the modification of the activated sludge process using a process called deammonification which removes ammonia with much less oxygen than is currently required. This approach may allow the MWRD to reduce electricity demand by 120,000,000 kWh per year.

"We completed a successful deammonification pilot test at the Egan plant in Schaumburg, Illinois and plan to install a process full-scale centrate treatment by mid 2014," said Dr. O'Connor. "This is very promising technology and is an innovation that could completely change the way wastewater is treated around the world."

The activated sludge process was novel for its time, but the MWRD saw the possibilities for significant improvements to public sanitation and developed the process to full-scale application," said MWRD Commissioner Patrick D. Thompson, Chairman of the Monitoring and Research committee. "The MWRD has a long history as a national leader in research and innovation in the water sector and we will continue this tradition into the future."

## *New Laws Increase Oversight, Ban Political Use Of State Grants*

State grants will soon be subject to additional scrutiny and specifically restricted from political use with the August 27 signing of two new laws sponsored by State Sen. Christine Radogno (R-Lemont).

Beginning Jan. 1, 2014, Senate Bill 2380 will restrict state grant dollars from being used for prohibited political activities. To more easily track state grants, Senate Bill 2381 requires the state's Chief Information Officer (CIO) to develop a system to collect state financial data, including information specific to the management and administration of grant funds, and make the information available on www.data.illinois.gov for public review.

"State grants account for hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars each year, yet right now it is extremely difficult to track these funds and what they are being use for," Radogno explained. "I have no doubt that most organizations use grant money for legitimate purposes, but that's obviously not always the case. These new laws will not only make it easier to review how grant monies are being used, but ensure the dollars aren't being used in an inappropriate manner – such as furthering someone's political ambitions."

Radogno introduced the new laws in response to a four-month 2012 CNN investigation that revealed millions of taxpayer-financed grant dollars had been used by Gov. Pat Quinn's Neighborhood Recovery Initiative grant program to finance a variety of questionable activities. The money was used to pay teenagers to march in a parade with the Governor, hand out flyers promoting inner peace, take field trips to museums, and attend a yoga class. The Neighborhood Recovery Initiative program is now being audited by the state's Auditor General.

"This legislation will make it very clear that grant recipients cannot use taxpayer dollars to finance any sort of political activity," said Radogno. "This would include paying people to march in a parade for an elected official, or using goods or services paid with state grant dollars for a political purpose."

## *Basketball Tournaments*

Mount Assisi Academy is hosting 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tournaments in September. The 8A Team will play on Sept. 14th and 8B on Sept. 15th. The 7A Team will play on Sept. 21st and 7B on the 22nd. A 2-day Tournament on Sept. 28th and 29th will be for any 6th grade teams. The weekend tournaments will start at noon to allow for league play.

Contact June VerSchave at jverschave@mtassisi.org or (630) 257-7358 to reply.

## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

The Village of Oak Lawn will hold its 18th annual Fall on the Green Festival on Sept. 6th, 7th, and 8th on the Village Green located at 95th Street & Cook Ave. This family friendly event has everything you look for in a festival – great food, outstanding entertainment, games, and vendors of all types. This event is FREE – free parking, free rides. You only pay for food & drink.

There will be many activities for children including inflatables, face painting, obstacle course, Eurobungy, Ferris Wheel and so much more!

The food court will sell pizza, Italian Ice, Italian Sausage, Brats, corn on the cob, kettle corn, ribbet sandwiches, hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, sub sandwiches, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, ribbet sandwiches, corn dogs, Orange Chicken, Fried Rice, Buffalo Chipotle burgers, funnel cakes, snow cones, Rainbow cones, and so much more!"

The Arts & Crafts show will be held on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. with many crafters and exhibitors. There is also a Business Tent area featuring local businesses from Oak Lawn and the surrounding suburbs.

For additional information contact Steve Barrett at (708) 499-7749.

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U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) was joined recently by Will County Executive Larry Walsh, Romeoville Mayor John Noak, and other village and airport officials to announce the start of the second and final phase of a $4.2 million runway reconstruction currently underway at Lewis University Airport. Both phases of the runway project, which will create 72 construction jobs and attract economic growth throughout the region, were made possible through legislation Rep. Lipinski helped to write and pass as the state's senior member on the House of Representatives Transportation & Infrastructure Committee.

"I'm extremely pleased to have worked with local officials and Lewis University Airport so we could bring this important runway reconstruction to its finish," said Rep. Lipinski, who sits on the Aviation Subcommittee. "These improvements are creating good construction jobs right now, but the new runway will only serve to enhance the airport's capacity and generate more economic opportunity for local communities far into the future. I will always recognize the importance of Lewis University Airport to the region and will keep working with the federal government so we continue to invest in its future."

Through a $2.5 million grant made possible by the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill the congressman was instrumental in passing last year, work started this spring on the badly needed reconstruction of the eastern half of Runway 9-27, one of two runways at the airport and originally built in 1989. The FAA recently awarded an additional $1.3 million so construction can start within the next few weeks on the 5,700-foot runway's western half. That project also includes the installation of new airfield lighting to improve safety at the airport.

The new runway, anticipated to be completed in its entirety by this winter, will allow Lewis University Airport to better accommodate larger aircraft and future aviation growth, creating additional jobs and business development in the region. The state and the Joliet Regional Port District each are contributing $211,311 to the project.

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Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle recently got a first-hand look at how a $25,000 energy savings grant from Cook County has helped benefit The Field Museum.

Using Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Energy, the County's Department of Environmental Control engaged the Delta Institute this past April to perform an energy audit for The Field Museum. The funding covered an analysis of energy efficiency measures the museum could implement, and audits of the various energy systems it has in place.

Preckwinkle met at The Field Museum with its president and CEO, Dr. Richard Lanyon, and other members of the museum's senior leadership team to discuss the grant and its benefits.

"The Field Museum is an important civic and cultural institution for not just the Chicago metropolitan area, but is also a museum known around the world," President Preckwinkle said. "We are pleased that Cook County could assist the museum in an innovative partnership which fits in well with one of our key priorities – energy conservation and environmental sustainability."

The Delta Institute analysis found that by implementing various energy efficiency measures – such as in high-efficiency lighting, insulation and demand-controlled ventilation systems – The Field Museum can ultimately save about $400,000 per year, which would amount to almost 22 percent of its current energy costs.

Preckwinkle pointed out that the measures identified through The Field Museum analysis in many ways mirror the findings of the Sustainability Advisory Council she formed last year, which were released earlier this summer. Preckwinkle has committed her administration to the ambitious goal of reducing the County's Greenhouse Gas emissions by 80 percent over the next several decades.

"We know that building energy use accounts for two-thirds of greenhouse gas emissions, and to achieve meaningful reductions in these emissions we must address many of the exact issues identified in The Field Museum study," Preckwinkle said.

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State Rep. Bob Rita, D-Blue Island, is urging local residents to take advantage of low-cost telephone service to stay connected to community resources and have the help they need in an emergency.

Rita is joining with officials of the Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation to spread the word during Lifeline Awareness Week, running from Sept. 9-15. The Lifeline telephone assistance program helps residents gain and maintain access to basic local telephone service, offering discounts of up to $9.25 per month for those who qualify.

Rep. Rita is encouraging local residents in his district to visit his legislative office at 2355 W. York Street in Blue Island on Wednesday, Sept. 11, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to learn more about the program and sign up if they wish. Representatives from UTAC and AT&T will be on hand to answer questions and guide those interested.

Signing up for those interested is as easy as contacting their local telephone service provider and asking to be enrolled in Lifeline. UTAC President Allen Cherry thanked Rep. Rita and other public officials who are making this important program a priority this week.

Telephone subscribers qualify if their income is at or below 135 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, or they participate in programs such as Medicaid, food stamps, federal public housing or low-income home energy assistance programs, or school free lunch programs and more.

The Lifeline program is federally funded and complements a voluntary state program, the Universal Telephone Services Assistance Program. UTAC is funded by voluntary contributions from phone subscribers and helps reduce the cost of land-line phone installation. Rep. Rita is joining with the Lifeline team here because even though the state is one of the most industrialized and technologically advanced in the nation, Illinois has the fourth-lowest level of telephone subscribership behind only Arkansas, Mississippi and Oklahoma.

"Having access to a telephone to reach authorities in an emergency or connect to vital services in our communities is so important," Rita said. "I'm glad to help raise awareness of this great program and hope everyone who might need help will take some time this week to check it out."

Information can be obtained by calling Rep. Rita's office at (708) 396-2822.

# Safe Driving In Neighborhood Streets Can Keep Children Alive

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) invites Illinois residents to take a more proactive step to ensure the safety of children by slowing their speed while driving throughout neighborhood streets. With the start of a new school year, it is imperative to remind drivers to slow down, obey traffic signals, and respect speed limits around schools and residential streets where children often play.

OSFM echoes the message of the national campaign called Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25. The goal of this program is to remind drivers to lower their speed to 25 mph in residential areas and in school zones.

"Speeding in residential neighborhoods represents a threat to our children's safety," said Larry Malkanto, State Fire Marshal. "We ask that drivers be more conscious about lowering their speed while driving in residential communities in an effort to help keep our children safe."

Running stop signs and speeding in residential neighborhoods are the greatest complaints to police departments by residents. This represents a serious threat to public safety, not only for children, but also for adults and seniors. Many drivers tend to ignore speed limit signs, and are often caught driving between 40 to 50 mph in residential areas and around schools.

Distracted drivers were the main cause of 387,000 injuries and more than 3,000 fatalities across the country in 2011, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

OSFM also reminds parents to obey state laws that require the use of seat belts for adults and children while driving or riding in a vehicle and the use of car seats for infants and children. In addition, the public must be reminded that in Illinois it is prohibited to text while driving.

State Fire Marshal Larry Malkanto commended Governor Pat Quinn for signing two new laws aimed at reducing the number of accidents caused by distracted drivers in Illinois. One law prohibits the use of all hand held mobile phones while driving, and the second increases the penalties where any use of an electronic device while driving has been the cause of an accident. These new laws take effect January 1, 2014.

The following are additional safety tips to keep children safe:

Do not allow your children to play in the street. Set limits for your child. Make sure they have safe places to play. The street is not one of them.

Always know where your child is. Children under 7 must always be accompanied by an adult outside. Know who they're with and where they are.

Make sure your children are buckled up or secured in the proper child safety seat. Lead by example by always wearing your seat belt.

Teach your child to cross the street correctly. Tell them to always use the nearest crosswalk when available, and to stop, look both ways and make sure the road is clear.

Make your child wear the proper helmet and pads when riding a bike, scooter, skateboard or skating.

For more information about children safety visit the Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25 website at: http://www.keepkidsaliledrive25.org.

# Latino Heritage Month Courthouse Tours

Circuit Court of Cook County Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans announced the Latino/Hispanic Heritage Month Courthouse Tours of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., will take place on Thursday, Sept. 26 and Friday, Sept. 27 beginning at 10 a.m.

The Daley Center is the main courthouse for the Circuit Court of Cook County, one of the nation's largest unified court systems. Tour highlights will include a visit to a courtroom to observe a civil trial in progress, an informal question and answer session with a judge and the opportunity to meet with bar association representatives.

Tour participants also receive a copy of the court's informational guide which outlines the structure of the Circuit Court of Cook County, explains the basics of trial proceedings, and includes a directory of court and county services.

Tour reservations are recommended. Individuals or groups planning on attending the Latino/Hispanic Heritage Month Courthouse Tours should contact Melissa Pacelli of the Circuit Court of Cook County's Public Affairs Office at (312) 603-1927 on or before Monday, Sept. 23. Tours are limited to persons age ten and older, with a limit of 35 persons to a group. Reservations are recommended.

Co-sponsoring the tours are the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois and the Puerto Rican Bar Association. For more information about courthouse tours and general information on the Circuit Court of Cook County, visit www.cookcountycourt.org.

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# Ethical Wills & Memoirs Writing Workshops

Three writing workshops are offered at The Log Cabin Center for the Arts, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, in the fall.

On the first and third Tuesday of each month, from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m., Mary Ann Grzych facilitates a Poetry workshop in which students write, share and supportively critique each other's work as they learn together to express significant feelings and ideas through their writing. The cost of the poetry workshop is $52 for 6 class sessions.

On six Thursday mornings and afternoons, beginning Sept. 5th, Ethical Wills and Memoir Writing workshops are taught by Personal Historian Beth LaMie. From 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 3 p.m., students will learn to write Ethical Wills or Legacy Letters to their families. These letters include personal values, history, life lessons and achievements, and hopes for the future. By the end of the class students will complete an ethical will on archival paper. In the 1 to 3 p.m. class, students write Memoirs, or Family Stories. Using writing prompts, exercises and techniques to capture memories, participants learn to organize their thoughts and experiences and how to elicit stories from other family members. The Ethical Wills and the Memoir Writing classes each have a class fee of $84 per person plus a $10 workbook fee to be paid directly to the instructor in class. Students should bring a notebook or pad of paper and their favorite writing instruments.

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## CLASS REUNIONS

Reavis High School – Class of 1983 will hold its 30th year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 26th at 7 p.m. with an informal get-together at Chuck's Southern Comforts Cafe (Vinsdor Lounge) 6501 W. 79th St. in Burbank.

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Bremen High School – Class of 1973 will hold a reunion at the Illinois Bar & Grill in Lemont on Sept. 28th at 7 p.m. The cost is $30 per person, which includes food and entertainment with a cash bar. Contact Bassinger2@comcast.net or judy@judyferraro.com. Facebook page is: Class of 1973 Reunion.

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Bremen High School – Class of 1968 will hold a reunion on Sept. 27th and 28th starting with the 6:30 p.m. Sept. 27th homecoming game. Meet in the alumni tent. Continue to Sullivan's Irish Pub & Eatery, 4660 W. 147th St. On Sept. 28th, the 45th reunion party will be at Sullivan's Irish Pub & Eatery from 7 to 10 p.m. The cost is $40 per person for appetizers, pizza and open bar. Send payment by Aug. 30th to John Dace, 4937 W. 145th St., Midlothian, IL 60445. Email [illegible]

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Academy Of Our Lady Longwood Alumnae – will sponsor its Reunion 2013 on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Alumnae will assemble from 5 to 10 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel, 94th and Cicero Ave. in Oak Lawn. Graduation classes with the year ending in 3 and 8 will sit together and will be saluted for their milestone anniversaries. Tickets are $50 (cash bar). Reservations will increase to $55 after Sept. 29th. Call the AOL Alumnae Office at (773) 445-2300 or visit www.AcademyOfOurLadyAlumnae.org.

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Mother McAuley – All-Class Reunion and McAuley Hall Induction, Saturday, Nov. 2nd, on the school's campus, 3737 W. 99th St. in Chicago, beginning with 5:30 p.m. Mass. The reunion will kick off at 7 p.m. For tickets or for more information, visit www.mothermcauleyalums.org.

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Evergreen Park High School Class of 1973 will be celebrating their 40th year reunion this October with a series of weekend events. Tailgating party will be held on Friday, Oct. 11th at Bourbon Street and a party at the American Legion on Saturday, Oct. 12th. The cost of the event is $75 per person. Contact Anna Greanias at annagw2004@yahoo.com or Cathy Aparo at 708-424-7542.

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Bogan High School – Class of 1973 is seeking graduates for its 40-year reunion to be held on Friday, Oct. 11th at the Willowbrook Holiday Inn, 7800 Kingery Highway in Willowbrook, at 6:30 p.m. The $60 fee per person includes dinner and an open bar. Contact Gale Seminic-Moskus at mrsbwage@gmail.com or Paul Mahalek at pvmahalek@comcast.net. Reservations on or before Aug. 31st $60, after Aug. 31st $75. Visit bogan1973.com.

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Kelly High School – Class of 1963 will hold its 50th reunion on Sept. 27th at the Bolingbrook Holiday Inn, 205 Remington Blvd., from 6 to 11 p.m. Tickets are $55, which includes dinner, dancing, memory sharing and a video presentation. There will be a cash bar. Contact (630) 469-9418, www.dannade.wix.com/kelly-hs-50-reunion or email bempirsks@yahoo.com.

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Bremen High School – Class of 1968 will hold its 45-year reunion in conjunction with Homecoming weekend, Sept. 27th and 28th. The cost is $40 per person. The money deadline is Aug. 30th. Contact the class website *Bremenclass1968.com* for full details on both events.

## "Brews 4 Drew" Benefit Fundraiser

Friends and Family of Andrew Depre will hold a benefit fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 8th at 115 Bourbon Street at noon to assist in financial aid for his family.

Andrews Depre, father of four daughters, is battling Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma requiring extensive rounds of chemotherapy to prepare for a stem cell transplant.

All donations are welcome and appreciated. A website has been established if you prefer to donate online. Visit brews4drew.org for more information. "Thank you in advance for your assistance in helping Andrew's family during this difficult time," said his family and friends.

## Fear City Chicago 2013 And Carnivale Casting Call

Chicago area actors of all ages, shapes and sizes looking for Halloween-season, paid acting roles are needed. Improvisational actors, dancers, performance artists, and haunters are being sought for two World-Class Haunted Houses at one location, minutes from Chicago.

Fear City Chicago 2013 and Carnivale at Fables Studios are looking for over 100 actors to perform during the run of shows this October.

Actors must be available for all show dates as follows, from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m.: Oct. 4-6, Oct. 11-13, Oct. 17-20, Oct. 23-27, and Oct. 30-Nov. 2. Actors must be at least 16 and up, however actors under 18 must have parental approval to accept these paid roles.

For more information or to schedule an audition, submit contact information, resumes and/or headshots, if available though not necessary. Actors must submit their information for consideration prior to the audition at www.FearCityChicago.com, and they will be given an audition date and time.

Auditions will be held on: Saturday, Sept. 7, Monday, Sept. 9, and Wednesday, Sept. 11 at Fear City Chicago 2013 and Carnivale at Fables Studios, 8240 Austin Ave., Morton Grove.


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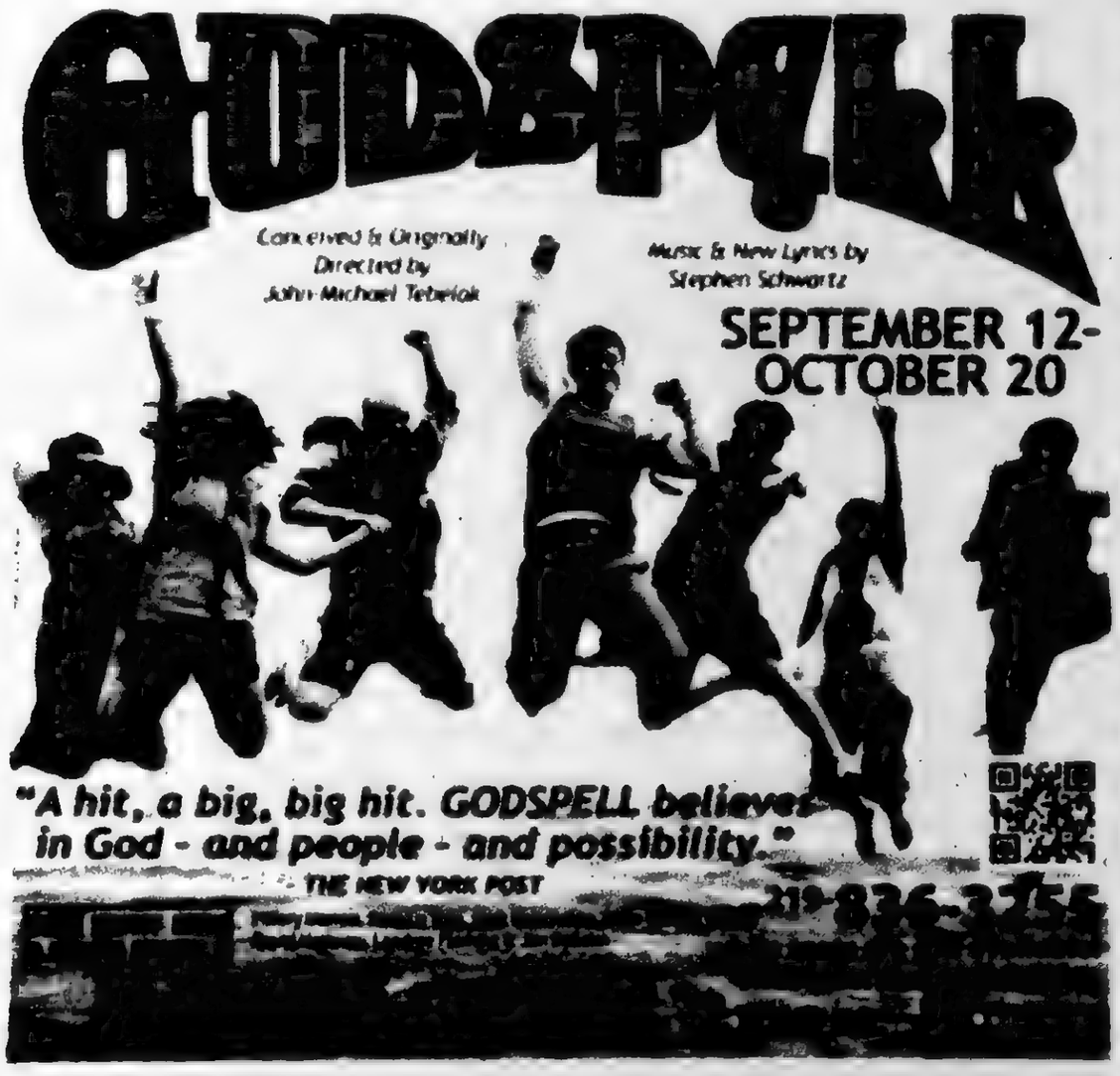

# Health & Nutrition

Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

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For most people, temper tantrums a number of daily environments between warm-weather heat and frosty air conditioned offices. But does exposing our bodies to extreme temperature swings make us sick? Professor Ron Eccles, director of the Common Cold Centre at Cardiff University in Wales, which performs clinical trials for treatments for coughs, colds, and flu, explains why keeping a sweater at work is a good idea.

***Chill Defenders***

As warm-blooded animals, we as humans are wired to keep our bodies around 98 degrees Fahrenheit. So when exposed to frigid surroundings after being in summer heat, the body will do what it needs to, to protect itself against chilling. A thermal regulator in our brains, upon receiving a message from the temperature sensors in the skin, automatically alerts blood vessels there to constrict. "You can see this when someone suddenly goes into a very cold building. They go pale or their skin mottles, says Prof. Eccles. The next stage is shivering, which will bring up body temperature by generating heat.

At the same time, blood vessels constrict in the nose and throat, where bacteria and viruses often lurk. If you check out the inside of your throat, you will see it change from a healthy pink-red to a very pale color. This takes a few seconds, to conserve the heat that we lose to the air we breathe out.

***Immunity in Retreat***

When blood flow is reduced, white blood cells that fight bacteria and viruses do also, allowing these latent risk factors to turn into a full-blown cold. "If there isn't as much blood flow to the throat, there aren't enough white blood cells to ward off infection," Prof. Eccles says. A cold won't develop, however, unless the bacteria or virus is already present in the body.

***Body Sweat***

Sweating can make the risk worse keeping the body colder longer and making it more difficult to regain a normal core temperature. Having sweaty clothes when walking into an air-conditioned building "could feel like diving into an ice cold swimming pool," says Professor Eccles.

Getting some sweat to evaporate first, by sitting in the shade for a few moments, can help. So can keeping a sweater at the office to ease the temperature transition, since more blood circulates to the skin, nose and throat.

***Heating Up***

Heading from the deep freeze to the hot outside doesn't pose the same problem, because blood circulates to the skin, nose, and throat. You may notice if you are too hot, much of your blood is distributed to the skin, turning you very red - to eliminate heat. It will take your body only several minutes to acclimate to the inside again.

*For more information go to the **Wall Street Journal**, Burning Question article Tuesday, August 20, 2013, page D2.*

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# Heart Connection Grief Support Program

**At Little Company of Mary Hospital, "caring for the community" means going beyond the physical needs of area residents. Through a variety of programs and services, the hospital tends to both emotional and spiritual needs. Heart Connections is a special program designed to help bereaved children cope with the loss of a loved one. During the past 17 years, Heart Connections has served more than 900 families and more than 1,400 children and teens.**

**Little Company of Mary's Heart Connection grief support program was named a 2012 Program of Excellences as a part of the Hospital Charitable Services Awards, a national program sponsored by Jackson Healthcare, which recognizes programs demonstrating sustainable community impact.**

**Little Company of Mary's Heart Connection program is a unique program of its kind in Chicago Southwest side area. Little Company of Mary was the first to bring bereavement services of its kind to the community. Proving much needed grief support to an underserved population that was grieving and dealing with the pain of loss of a loved one in silence. "The program truly indicates the community's need to be served, supported, and guided while they grieve the death of their loved one," said Peg Schneider, Chaplain in the Pastoral Care department, and co-coordinator of Heart Connection and Bereavement Services at Little Company of Mary. The mission of the program is to provide a safe and trusting environment for both the children and teens of the community.**

**The eight-week program is offered twice a year, with 30 to 50 children participating in each session. The children meet weekly for 75 minutes with a group of children of the same age. A team of 20 volunteer grief counselors use a variety of creative activities, such as music therapy, poetry and art, to help the kids express their grief.**

**Parents or guardians meet separately and receive counseling and support of their own. Recently added, was the Spanish-language counseling to better serve the growing Hispanic participants. The program serves a culturally and economically diverse group of families from Chicago and its southwest suburbs and it is provided at no charge. Heart Connections is funded primarily by Little Company of Mary, with some additional support from donors and foundations.**

**In addition, the hospital added a separate program, when Death comes to the classroom for educators. "When kids don't get help, they can have unresolved grief and it can affect them the rest of their lives," says Meghan Llanes, LCWS at Little Company of Mary. "Here, they can connect with kids who are going through the something similar; they can get support and have a place to talk about their grief."**

**Enrollment in the program is recommended at least three months after the death of a loved one; however, consideration is always given to the family circumstances of loss. For more information on Little Company of Mary's Heart Connection grief support programs include dates and times, please call the Pastoral Care Department at 708-229-5484.**

**Pictured: Children showing pictures of their deceased loved ones while attending the Heart Connection program.**

# Memorial Service For Aborted Children

On Saturday, Sept. 14th, Pro-Life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, a joint project of a Pro-life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League.

Solemn vigils will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 50 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind society of the humanity of the unborn child. The memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14th at 2 p.m. at St. Mary Cemetery, 87th and Hamlin in Evergreen Park at the grave site of 500 aborted babies, who were buried in 1987.

For more information, call Roy and Sue Pletsch at (773) 847-0261.

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# First Human West Nile Case In Illinois

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has confirmed the first West Nile virus positive bird reported in Illinois for 2013. The Monroe County Health Department collected a West Nile virus positive starling on June 27, in Waterloo.

"We are now starting to see West Nile virus in both mosquitoes and birds, which means it's only a matter of time before we start seeing West Nile virus in people," said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck. "Remember to protect yourself by wearing insect repellent and getting rid of any standing water around your home."

A mosquito sample collected in Cook County in May was the first West Nile virus positive result this year. To date, West Nile virus positive birds and/or mosquitoes have been reported in 17 counties - Bureau, Clay, Cook, DuPage, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, McHenry, Monroe, Peoria, Perry, Putnam, Sangamon and St. Clair (website updates every Wednesday afternoon www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnvsurveillance12.htm). No human cases of West Nile virus have been reported so far this year.

Last year, 55 counties in Illinois reported a West Nile virus positive mosquito batch, bird and/or human case. For the 2012 season, IDPH reported the second highest number of West Nile virus human cases in state history with 290 residents and 12 deaths. This was second only to the 2002 outbreak in Illinois in which 884 residents contracted West Nile disease and 67 died.

Surveillance for West Nile virus in Illinois includes laboratory tests on mosquito batches, dead crows, blue jays, robins and other perching birds, as well as testing sick horses and humans with West Nile-like disease symptoms. People who observe a sick or dying crow, blue jay, robin or other perching bird should contact their local health department.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Common West Nile virus symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks. However, four out of five people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms. In rare cases, severe illness including meningitis or encephalitis, or even death, can occur. People older than 50 are at higher risk for severe illness from West Nile virus.

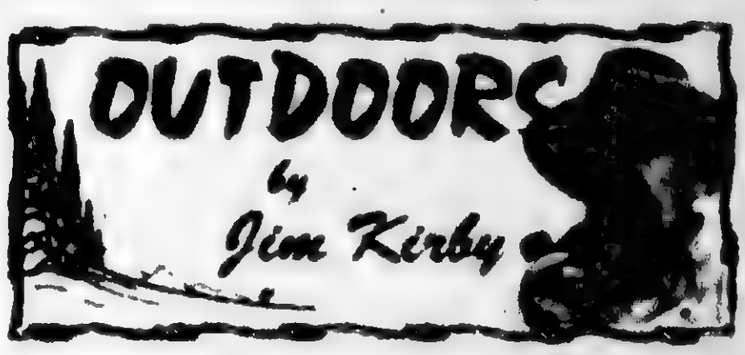
The best way to prevent West Nile disease or any other mosquito-borne illness is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Precautions include practicing the three "R's" - reduce, repel and report.

**REDUCE** exposure - avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.
- Eliminate all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including flowerpots, wading pools, old tires and any other receptacles. Change water in bird baths weekly.

**REPEL** - when outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535, according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

**REPORT** - In communities where there are organized mosquito control programs, contact your municipal government to report areas of stagnant water in roadside ditches, flooded yards and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be found on the Illinois Department of Public Health's Web site at www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm.




**AN ANSWER TO OUR ASIAN CARP PROBLEM?**

"Asian Carp Fishery Dispatches First Shipment in Million Pound Order." Two Rivers Fishery in Wickliffe, Kentucky is looking forward to sending out its first 40,000 pound shipment of processed Asian carp to customers in China. The company opened its $2.5 million facility in late May of this year and is already thinking of hiring more fishermen. According to WKMS, Two Rivers Fishery owner Angie Yu says the plant is currently processing around 6,000 pounds of fish a day, but is capable of much more.

Two Rivers Fishery is one of the few commercial operations in the United States that harvest Asian carp for export to Asia. Since the invasive carp was brought over to North America in the late '60s and '70s, the species quickly found its way into the Mississippi River and became well established across much of the region. Wildlife agencies consider carp to be highly detrimental to the environments in which they have been introduced, especially to valuable native fish. (Daniel Yu for *Outdoor Hub*)

*Author's note: If you have been reading this column and other media you know how big the Asian carp problem is and what various agencies are doing to prevent Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes. On a personal note I have seen up to dozens of the fish in the air at one time on the Illinois River, and on one occasion had one hit me in the head and knock me to the bottom of the boat. From day one I have opined that the solution to the millions of Asian carp in the Illinois River alone is to turn commercial fishermen loose and net the fish, turn them into fertilizer, either dried or slurried, and apply to farms. It doesn't get more organic than that. Or find a market for them as food for the table, in much the way Two Rivers Fisheries did in Kentucky.*

**●OUTDOOR CALENDAR: *Sept. 5:** Tonight, Midwest Musky Club meeting, Village Sportsman's Club, 115th and Laramie in Alsip, 7:30 p.m. Dan Wolf (708) 715-1025. ***Sept. 6-8:** A River Thru History, Des Plaines Valley Rendezvous, Columbia Woods, [illegible].com. ***Sept. 27-29:** "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" workshop at Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton. BOW workshops are designed to provide introductory instruction in 25 outdoor-related activities. Classes are conducted in a casual and non-competitive atmosphere by experienced instructors. The cost is $165 per person which includes the workshop, meals, lodging and transportation during the event. ***Sept 8-23:** Teal Season. ***Sept. 28-29:** Northern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days, Silver Springs State Park, Yorkville. Paddle a canoe, Kid's casting and fishing pond, RVs, ATVs, Boats, Campers, etc. plus over 80 vendors, food court and raffles. www.huntingandfishingdays.org. ***Sept. 28-29:** Hunter Safety Course, Mokena Park District, (708) 390-2409.

**●RECENT SUMMARY OF ASIAN CARP PROJECT ACTIVITIES:** Monitoring continues in the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS) and upper Illinois Waterway upstream and downstream of the Dispersal Barrier. No bighead or silver Asian carp were reported, captured or observed upstream of the Barrier nor were any found in new locations downstream of the Barrier.

**●IDNR-SPONSORED FIRE CREW ASSISTS IN WILDLAND FIREFIGHT IN WESTERN USA:** A fire crew returned recently from a two-week deployment battling the fire in the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest in southwest Oregon. The fire crew included nine IDNR staff, four staff from the Shawnee National Forest in southern Illinois, four local community firefighters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers employee, a city forester from Homewood and a natural resources management contractor from Genesco.

From a base in Selma, Oregon, the Illinois crew spent nine days preparing fire lines prior to ending deployment and returning to Illinois. Deployment expenses for the Illinois crew are reimbursed by the U.S. Forest Service.

**●OUTDOOR REPORT:** Dove hunting season opener on Sept. 1 was a mixed bag (no pun intended) depending on where the hunt took place throughout the state. I joined **Bill Swanson,** Homer Glen, and **Mike Lahart,** Palos Hts., for a hunt at Green Acres near Roberts, Illinois. We started out with a few rounds of sporting clays to sharpen our wing shooting skills and then had a great afternoon hunt. We each came home with enough doves for a meal or two. Green Acres (217) 395-2588 manages thousands of acres just for dove, pheasant, quail, partridge and duck hunting. We were in the right place at the right time to enjoy another memorable opening day of Dove hunting.

**●THINK ABOUT IT:** The American Revolution would never have happened with gun control. (Martin L. Gibbons)

**●E-Mail Jim Kirby:** *kirbyoutdoors@yahoo.net*

# Marist Girls Golf Team Take Second Place At Marist Invitational

On August 24th, the Marist Lady RedHawks took second place in their invitational – Midlothian Challenge Hosted by Marist. The defending champions were narrowly edged out by Lincoln Way East. Marist improved their team score by twenty-three (23) shots versus 2012. Marist was led by Senior Captain Ashley Kay with an 86 good for second place in the field. Three other Marist girls medaled including Kaitlyn Maloney (10th), Kelly Barker (15th) and Sam Smith (18th).

Midlothian C.C., site of the 1914 US Open won by Walter Hagen, was in great shape and was a challenging test for the 58 girl field. Medalist honors went to Kelly Sterling with a 3 over par 76 as well as the long drive competition on #13. Closest to the pin on #15 was won by Annie Canent of Nazareth who was 2' from the pin. The individual medal winners and team results for the Marist Invitational were:

Team Scores – LincolnWayEast 381, Marist 383, Providence 388, Nazareth 396, Marian Catholic 398, Lockport 405, Mother McAuley 415, Fenwick 431, Stagg 440, and Oak Forest 457.

Individual Scores - Kelly Sterling, LWE, 76; Ashley Kay, Marist, 86; Nina Niepon, Marian, 88; Karoline Pirko, LWE, 90; Kasey Schaffer, Nazareth, 91; Alyssa Newling, Providence, 91; Mira Niepon, Marian, 96; Annie Canent, Nazareth, 97; Arianna Beller, Providence, 97; Kaitlyn Maloney, Marist, 97; Alyssa Gromala, Providence, 98; Jackie Pitko, Oak Forest, 98; Natalie Colina, Stagg, 98; Frankie Bell, Fenwick, 99; Kelly Barker, Marist, 99; Kayla Garrison, Lockport, 99; Jenna Mitchell, Lockport, 101; Sam Smith, Marist,101; Gina Dubin, Lockport, 101; and Kylie Roache, Nazareth, 101.

The Marist Girls Golf Team has started 2013 strong with this 2nd place finish, a 3rd place at the Marian Invitational and a match win over Oak Forest to date.

# "Gift Of Glove"

The Bulls Sox Academy, in conjunction with the Chicago White Sox, announce a drive to collect new and used baseball gloves which will be given to disadvantaged Chicago youth baseball players in the Inner City Youth Baseball League. The "Gift of Glove" donation drive began on Saturday, Aug. 24th and will conclude on Sunday, Sept. 22nd.

Every participant donating a glove will receive a voucher for 15 minutes of free hitting and a chance to win autographed White Sox merchandise. The individual who donates the most gloves, at each of the four locations, will win four tickets to the Saturday, Sept. 28th White Sox game versus the Kansas City Royals. In addition, each winner will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take a photo with a current White Sox player during pre-game festivities and receive an autographed jersey.

Baseball gloves can be dropped off during normal business hours at any of the four Bulls Sox Academy locations including Lisle, Glen Ellyn, LaGrange, or Schererville, IN. Glove donors should check www.BullsSoxAcademy.com for directions to each training facility and glove drop-off hours.

# Marist Girls Golf Victorious

The Marist Girls Golf team started their regular season schedule with a double win over the Oak Forest Bengals in non-conference action at the Meadows on Aug. 22nd.

The varsity team won their match 172 to 209 lead by medalist Ashley Kay shooting a 38 with Sam Smith, Kelly Barker and Anna Schieber rounding out the top 4 scores for the team.

The JV team won their match 210 to 239 lead by medalist Hannah McMahon with a 49 with Claire Stillman, Ashley Murphy and Kiera Hilliard rounding out the top 4 scores for the team.

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# 13th Annual Cougar 5K Run/Walk

Saint Xavier University will host the 13th Annual Cougar 5K Run/Walk during its 2013 Homecoming Week at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5th. The race begins and ends at SXU's Chicago campus, 3700 W. 103rd St., and travels through Evergreen Park.

Pre-registration is $30 for runners/walkers and $25 for SXU students. Prices increase to $35 for runners/walkers and $30 for SXU students from Monday, Sept. 30th to Friday, Oct. 4th. On race day, registration is $40 for runners/walkers and $35 for SXU students. The Cougar 5K is bringing back the family rate which costs $75 for two adults and one child age 17 or under from the same immediate family. Each additional child is $20. Family rate registration is not available on race day. Visit www.sxu.edu/keyword/cougar5k to register.

All participants will receive a white cotton long-sleeve Cougar 5K shirt. Participants that register before Sun., Sept. 15th have the option to purchase a black dry-tech long-sleeve Cougar 5K shirt for an additional $5 instead of the white cotton shirt. Exclusive Cougar 5K charcoal grey quarter-zip jackets also are on sale for $30 through the online registration form or in the Shannon Center at the Chicago campus.

New this year, free flu vaccinations will be provided following the race. Flu vaccinations are provided by Health4Chicago in partnership with the Saint Xavier University Health Center and School of Nursing. Health4Chicago provides on-site immunization services throughout the Chicago region, minimizing the impact of vaccine-preventable diseases and promoting a healthy school community.

Additionally, all participants will receive a ticket to the Homecoming Football game at 5 p.m., where they can watch the defending NAIA National Champion Cougars take on Grand View University (Iowa). Tickets can be picked up at the Great Check area between 7 and 11 a.m. on race day. Participants also can enjoy refreshments, massages, stretching, blood pressure checks, free flu vaccinations, children's activities, and pictures with SXU's cougar mascot.

For more information or to register, visit the Cougar 5K Run/Walk website at www.sxu.edu/keyword/cougar5k or call the race hotline at (773) 298-3592.

# 12th Annual Les Turner ALS Walk4Life

Join the local ALS community at the 12th Annual Les Turner ALS Walk4Life on Sunday, Sept. 22nd at Soldier Field. This 2+ mile walk along Chicago's lakefront is a celebration of hope, courage and community, and is an ideal way to support for those affected by Lou Gehrig's disease. Check-in time is 9 a.m., walk starts at 11 a.m.

Emceed by meteorologist Phil Schwarz of ABC 7 and Kathy Hart of The Mix 101.9FM, the event will include music, entertainment, food and children's activities. The Walk4Life will occur rain or shine.

Most participants walk as a team, honoring those living with ALS or in memory of someone who has passed away from the disease. Teams have clever names such as "Walkin' For Claud" and "The Jake Walkers" and nearly every group designs their own personalized T-shirt.

The ALS Walk4Life is one of the world's largest gatherings for the ALS community, and in its 11-year history, the Walk4Life has raised $8 million. Registration is free, but participants are encouraged to fundraise for the Les Turner ALS Foundation.

For more information, contact the Les Turner ALS Foundation at 847-679-1311 or visit www.alswalk4life.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 1, 2012, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 9, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5809 WEST 86TH PLACE, OAK LAWN, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-05-213-050-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family two story brown brick house with an attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(E) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information, visit our website at service.pierceassociates.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1100, CHICAGO, IL 60602 Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0001495. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1100 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500 Attorney File No. PA0001495 Attorney Code 91220 Case Number 09 CH 5791 TJSC#: 33-17544 (655416)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES WMALT SERIES 2007-7 TRUST Plaintiff, v. JEROME CONRAD NANCY [illegible] AKA NANCY [illegible] WELLS FARGO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION [illegible] MANOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 13 CH 2817 [illegible] W. 47TH ST #1B Chicago, IL 60609 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 2, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 1, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] Property Index No. [illegible]

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Prospective bidders are advised to check the court file to verify all information.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, BEYER & MIHLAR, LLC 111 E. Main St. DECATUR, IL 62523 (217) 423-6471 Please refer to file # 13-10-01777. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 Attorney File No. 14-10-10617 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Attorney Code 21762 Case Number: 13 CH 2817 TJSC#: 35-1058 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 3905197

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR [illegible] Plaintiff, v. MARIA T. RAMIREZ A.K.A. MARIANA RAMIREZ A.K.A. MARIA SALDAGO A.K.A. MARIA URIAS A.K.A. MARIA T. RAMIREZ [illegible] RAMIREZ [illegible] RAMIREZ [illegible] ASSOCIATES [illegible] NATIONAL BANK [illegible] CAPITAL ONE BANK [illegible] CAPITAL ONE BANK [illegible] VILLAGE OF MILWAUKEE [illegible] CORPORATION [illegible] FINANCIAL SERVICES AMERICAS LLC [illegible] AT SERVICE FINANCIAL CORP TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORPORATION [illegible] CHICAGO AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION Defendants 09 CH 29843 Property Address: 1000 SOUTH LOREL AVENUE OAK LAWN, IL 60453 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Parker and Shapiro file # 09-00[illegible] is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 19, 2012, Nation Realty Services Inc. as Selling Officer will at 12:30 p.m. on September 12, 2013 at 208 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1000, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real property: Commonly known as 1000 South Lorel Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Permanent Index No.: 24-18-114-015.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $ 304,[illegible]. Sale terms: for non-parties: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction. Balance, by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks and/or wire funds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied and pending sales, if any. The property is offered "as is" without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are advised to check the court file to verify all information and to make sure of their own interests.

For information: Visit our website at service.pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1208128. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA1208128. Attorney Code 91220. Case Number: 12 CH 13673. TJSC#: 35-1[illegible]

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## OAK LAWN POLICE CALLS

On August 10, John A. Ribota of Chicago Ridge was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving without insurance after a traffic stop at 111th and Central. Ribota was stopped for speeding, 64 mph in a 40 mph zone, and for having an obstructed windshield.

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It was reported that on August 11, an exhaust pipe and a catalytic converter was stolen off a vehicle parked in a parking tower outside Christ Hospital.

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On August 11, Mohamad Ibrahim of Palos Hills was arrested driving under the influence of alcohol, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, no insurance and driving without a license after a hit and run accident in the 10500 block of Parkside Ave. Witnesses reported seeing the vehicle he was driving hit a parked care and leave the scene.

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On August 12, it was reported that a silver Audi was stolen from the parking lot of Happy Hyundai at 89th and Cicero. The owner of the car said that he left his vehicle with the keys in it as he went to look at another auto. He was gone for a few minutes. When he returned, the vehicle was gone.

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On August 13, Wilfreda Herbolingo of Alburquerque, New Mexico was arrested for driving on a suspended license, speeding and having only one red taillight. She was stopped for driving 53 mph in a 35 mph zone. She was stopped at 89th and Ridgeland.

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# Richards High School Community Welcomes New Faculty

**Principal John Hallberg and the Richards High School community welcomed several new teachers this week.**

**The new staff members include Joyce Cruse, social studies, who has earned a bachelor's degree from DePaul University and master's degree from the University of Iowa; Steve Haddad, a math teacher with a bachelor's degree from Chicago State University; Joshua Hammann, a music teacher with a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University and a master's degree from North Park University; Brian Kazda, a math teacher with a bachelor's degree from Governors State University.**

**Also, Erin Lara, a foreign language teacher with a bachelor's degree from Trinity Christian College; Crystal Miguez, an art teacher with a degree from Trinity Christian College; Meaghan O'Shea, a counselor with bachelor's and master's degrees from DePaul University; and, Valerie Pelak, a social studies teacher with bachelor's degrees from both the University of Iowa and Northern Illinois University.**

**Richards High School welcomed new teachers, from left, (front row) Joyce Cruse, Erin Lara, Crystal Miguez, Valerie Pelak, (back row) Steve Haddad, Joshua Hammann, Meaghan O'Shea, and Brian Kazda.**

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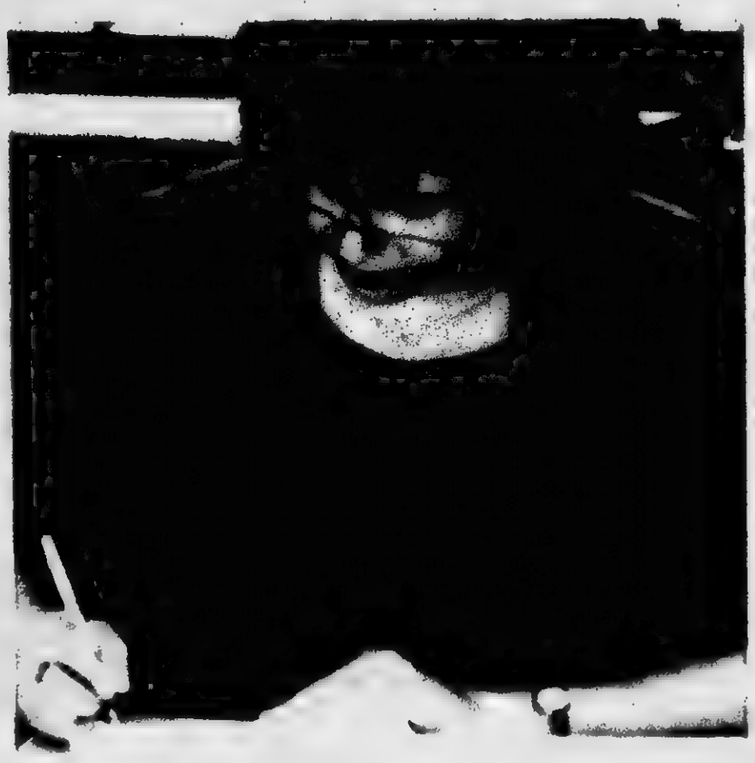

# Offer Art Classes

The Center offers new 6-week sessions of art classes beginning Sept 9. through 13, at their Log Cabin Center for the Arts, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

On Monday, Sept. 9, Marge Boyd teaches Calligraphy at 1 p.m. Thursday classes include Woodcarving classes with Keith Miller at 9 a.m., Drawing and Watercolor classes with Lois Hrejsa at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., and Pottery with Karen Stasky at 6:30 p.m. Georgann Ring's Knitting class begins Friday, Sept. 13.

Advance registration is required for all classes at the Log Cabin Center for the Arts. For further information, call The Center at (708) 361-3650 or check the website: www.thecenterpalos.org.

Calligraphy student MaryAnn Sochat is pictured practicing her letters.

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# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Saint Xavier University's student-run radio station WXAV 88.3FM recently took home a second place honor at the 2013 Professional Silver Dome Awards for its critically acclaimed series "Veteran Matters."

Veteran Matters is a 10-episode series examining the firsthand experiences of American veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Each episode contains the raw and personal accounts about the veterans' time in the service, life after war, religious awakenings and interactions with locals. Interviewees range from Joan, a 92-year-old military nurse who served during World War II, to Buck, a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, to Andy, who served in Korea, Germany and Iraq. Since the series concluded in September 2012, the series has been picked up by public radio and college radio stations across the country.

SXU School of Education Professor Peter Hilton, who served in the Army during the Vietnam War, hosted the series. The show was produced by Director of Student Media Peter Kreten. Former Vice President for Administration and Planning Sister Susan Sanders, RSM, was the creator and executive producer of the show and Sister Joy Clough, RSM, director of the Center for Religion and Public Discourse, served as a producer.

"Veteran Matters" was supported by a grant from the Westerman Foundation. Full episodes of the series are available online at http://sxustudentmedia.com/veteranmatters/. For more information, contact WXAV at (773) 298-3375.

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The American Legion held its 95th national convention in Houston, Texas last week. They honored the Illinois Department of Employment Security's (IDES) Ottawa office with the Employment Award on Aug. 28th. IDES is charged with delivering re-employment services to Veterans. In 2012 IDES helped 17,000 Veterans return to work. The veteran unemployment rate in Illinois was lower than the national rate in 2011 and 2012. The state rate in 2011 was 8.1, the national rate 8.3. The state rate in 2012 was 6.8 percent, the national rate 7.0 percent.

The Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders were presented with the American Legion Distinguished Service Medal. National Commander James E. Koutz praised the Cheerleaders' dedication to community service and support for the U.S. military. "Since 1979 the Cheerleaders have made 75 USO tours to more than 200 locations worldwide and have conducted cheerleading classes for the children of military families," Koutz said. "When not performing at football games or traveling overseas, they spend time supporting charities and visiting hospitals, including many VA facilities. They have also given their support to the Salvation Army, the Susan G. Komen Foundation, the Association for Hearing Impaired Children, the American Heart Association, the March of Dimes, the American Cancer Society, the Make-a-Wish Foundation, nursing homes and children's homes," he said. He also added that during their USO tours, the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders have always strived to bring a touch of home to the men and women of our Armed Forces serving abroad.

The Distinguished Service Medal is The American Legion's highest award. Previous recipients include Presidents George W. and George H.W. Bush, Gen. Colin Powell and former Senator Richard Lugar.

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Midlothian Memorial VFW Post 2580 will hold a "Pause for Veterans" Fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 7th from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. indoors and outdoors, rain or shine, at the post, 14817 Pulaski Rd. in Midlothian. Admission is $5. A 12-ounce draft beer will be $1, there will be a Bean Bag Tournament, raffles and food will be available for purchase. Live music will be furnished by D.J. Ed Henschel at 1 p.m.; The Halloran's from 3 to 5 p.m.; and Jaywalkers Jam Band from 6 to 10 p.m. All are welcome.

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Markham VFW Post 9801, 3220 W. 159th St., will hold a "Helping Vets" Fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 7th beginning at 6 p.m. Music will be furnished by "Barcode," which used to be "Jack & Jill." There will be raffles, food, and a cash bar for a $10 donation per person. All are welcome.

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Quote of the Week: Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are, you aren't. – Margaret Thatcher

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Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.

# Chamber Serves Meal At Ronald McDonald House

**On August 27, members of the Oak Lawn Chamber Board and Ambassador Committee gathered at the Ronald McDonald House at Advocate Children's Hospital to prepare dinner for 30+ guests. These families traveled from far and wide to seek top medical care for their children. The RMH gives them a place to call home for days, weeks and even months at a time. We were honored to provide a meal for residents and enjoyed the opportunity to meet many of them and hear their stories. Even in the heat of the summer we left feeling warm and fuzzy.**

**Learn more about the Chamber at www.oaklawnchamber.com.**

**Pictured: (front row) Ginger Morgan; (middle row, left to right) Julie Miller, Patti Johnson, Vicki Scanlon, Nick Carone; (back row, left to right): Tony Michalek, Jeff Reichl, Chamber President, Alonso Rushing, Brian Ferrell, Don Murphy and Michelle Williams, Chamber 1st Vice President.**

# 'World War Z' For One Book, One College Program

The fictional oral history of a zombie apocalypse is the selected text for Moraine Valley Community College's One Book, One College program for the 2013-14 academic year. The college's Library will host several events this fall that feature themes from "World War Z" by Max Brooks. The Library is in Building L, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. All events are free and open to the public.

The opening event welcomes Roosevelt University's literary scholar, Marin Barney, on Wednesday, Sept. 11th from noon to 1 p.m. Barney will explore "World War Z" and zombie literature as well as define characteristics of the genre and how Brooks' work fits into it.

Moraine Valley faculty members from various disciplines will lead a panel discussion on "Surviving a Zombie Apocalypse" on Tuesday, Sept. 24th from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Each will share how they think governments and institutions would stand up to a major societal collapse and will be challenged to think about how they would survive an apocalypse.

Another panel discussion "Am I Really an Individual or Just a Zombie?" will be on Thursday, Oct. 3rd from 11 a.m. to noon. Philosophy faculty members will discuss the ways philosophers have thought about the individual and the group.

"Zombies, Art and Pop Culture" is a third panel discussion led by Moraine Valley faculty members on Wednesday, Oct. 9th from 1 to 2 p.m. The creepy, brain-hungry zombie has become a symbol across art, film and literature. Where did it come from and why does it resonate with audiences?

The college will show the feature film "World War Z," starring Brad Pitt, on Saturday, Oct. 12th at 6:30 p.m. on the Gateway. Bring blankets and food for a free outdoor movie. The movie will be moved inside Building M in the event of inclement weather.

During "Zombie Math: Real-World Implications of the Numbers," math and biology faculty members will use a fictional zombie outbreak as a way to explore real-world mathematical models, used to predict disease outbreaks, spread of gossip, "predator-prey" models in nature, and other network theory applications.

The final event features Kevin Navratil, assistant professor of Political Science at Moraine Valley, discussing "World War Z and International Relations" on Monday, Oct. 28th from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Navratil will discuss how theories and concepts in international relations apply to the book.

More information on "World War Z," videos and podcasts, study guides, and upcoming events can be found at *www.apps.morainevalley.edu/Home*.

# Family Reunion Sunday

September 8 is God's Family Reunion Sunday at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ in Oak Lawn. The 9:30 a.m. worship service will include an extravagant welcome for all new and returning worshipers along with a special presentation by the children and youth.

Children and youth will gather at 9:15 a.m. to prepare for the service. Newcomers are welcome. After the opening part of the service, the children will be dismissed for the first day of Sunday School. There are classes for those age three through eighth grade.

Participants are invited to bring a treat for the refreshment table that represents a place they went or something they did this summer. All are invited to enjoy the treats and a time of fellowship following the service.

The church is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. and is handicapped accessible.

# Mock Interview Day

Job-seekers can improve their interviewing skills by attending Moraine Valley Community College's fall Mock Interview Day on Wednesday, Sept. 11, from 2 to 5 p.m. The free event will be in the Moraine Business and Conference Center (Building M), on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

Community members, students and graduates are encouraged to participate in a formal, 30-minute mock interview with an actual employer who will provide valuable tips to help them ace their next interview. Business attire and two resumes are required for entry.

Participants must pre-register, and space is limited. Call the Job Resource Center at (708) 974-5737 to schedule a mock interview or to participate as an employer. For more information, visit morainevalley.edu/jrc.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION CITIBANK FSB Plaintiff vs. CHARLES SHEPHARDS THE SHAREGATE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 12 CH 27438

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 15, 2013, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 14-16-224-060-1006. Commonly known as 5440 North Lake Shore Drive, Unit 1006, Chicago, Illinois.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit sales department at Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation, Plaintiff's Attorney, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 Tel No. 312-476-5500. Refer to File Number 12CH27438. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer (312) 444-1122 IADC#

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA N.A. Plaintiff, vs. ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROSALIA MARIA F. ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOSEPH MARIA F. ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROSALIA MARIA F. ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 12 CH 13355 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on Oct. 3, 2012, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, September 20, 2013, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 14-21-203-024-0000. Commonly known as 1753 West Cullerton Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 13, 2012, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 14-21-203-024-0000. Commonly known as 1753 West Cullerton Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgage is a foreclosure of a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on May 6, 2013, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property: P.I.N. 14-21-203-024-0000. Commonly known as 1753 West Cullerton Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgage is a foreclosure of a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

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The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgage is a foreclosure of a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES WMALT 2007-OA3 Plaintiff, vs. JEFFERY DINDA AKA JEFFERY A. DINDA, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. (AS BY PURCHASE FROM THE FDIC AS RECEIVER OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, RECEIVER), COURT COMMISSIONER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 12 CH 20125 (IN THE REVERSE COURT, JUST BE CAN FORECLOSE) 4 BEDS NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 9, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 17, 2013, in the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 15758 REVERE COURT, OAK FOREST, IL 60452 Property Index No. 28-17-302-047-1001

The real estate is improved with a three story red brick multiple unit condominium with a garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowed by subsection (a) of Section 6124 of Title 26 of the United States Code, the right to redemption granted by subsection (b) of Section 2406 of Title 28 of the United States Code, the right to redemption granted by subsection (e) of Section 2410 of Title 28 of the United States Code, the right to redemption granted by paragraph (2) of the first sentence of subsection (c) of Section 7425 of Title 26 of the United States Code, the right to redemption granted by subsection (c) of Section 2410 of Title 28 of the United States Code, the right to redemption granted by subsection (d) of Section 2410 of Title 28 of the United States Code. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit, which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit sales department at Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation, Plaintiff's Attorney, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 Tel No. 312-476-5500. Refer to File Number 12CH20125. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a blow by blow description of any foreclosure sale in Cook County and a lot more interesting information. (CHOICE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1100, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 263-3030 " " " THE MORTGAGOR HOME OWNER HAS THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15/1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION ONEWEST BANK FSB (DBA FINANCIAL FREEDOM A DIVISION OF ONEWEST BANK, FSB) Plaintiff, vs. THE PROVISIONS OF A DECLARATION OF TRUST AGREEMENT DATED MARCH 23, 2005 AKA THE LIVING TRUST AKA THE BERNICE HENDLEL LIVING TRUST UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROVISIONS OF A DECLARATION OF TRUST AGREEMENT DATED MARCH 23, 2005 AKA THE LIVING TRUST AKA THE BERNICE HENDLEL LIVING TRUST UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT JOHN E. WICA, JR. AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE PROVISIONS OF A DECLARATION OF TRUST AGREEMENT DATED MARCH 23, 2005 AKA THE LIVING TRUST AKA THE BERNICE HENDLEL LIVING TRUST EVELYN DENISE WICA, CLAUDIA ANN SH UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS GERALD WORD DAVIS AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR BERNICE HENDLEL AKA BERNICE S. HENDLEL DECEASED UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BERNICE HENDLEL AKA BERNICE S. HENDLEL Defendants, 12 CH 19440 5116 W. 21ST STREET, OAK LAWN, IL 60453 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 3, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on Oct 7, 2013, in the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5116 W. 21ST STREET, OAK LAWN, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-09-306-029

The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowed by subsection (a) of Section 6124 of Title 26 of the United States Code, the right to redemption granted by subsection (b) of Section 2406 of Title 28 of the United States Code, the right to redemption granted by subsection (e) of Section 2410 of Title 28 of the United States Code, the right to redemption granted by paragraph (2) of the first sentence of subsection (c) of Section 7425 of Title 26 of the United States Code, the right to redemption granted by subsection (c) of Section 2410 of Title 28 of the United States Code, the right to redemption granted by subsection (d) of Section 2410 of Title 28 of the United States Code. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit, which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR HOME OWNER HAS THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15/1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION ONEWEST BANK FSB (DBA FINANCIAL FREEDOM A DIVISION OF ONEWEST BANK, FSB) Plaintiff, vs. TRACY GARTMAN UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOANNE G. GARTMAN MICHELLE DILLON UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA), N.A. UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, DEB RUSH AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE Defendants

12 CH 24041 5148 S. KEELER AVENUE ALSP & 5148 S KEELER NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 1, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 7, 2013, in the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5148 S. KEELER AVENUE, ALSP & 5148 S KEELER Property Index No. 24-22-421-018

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowed by subsection (a) of Section 6124 of Title 26 of the United States Code, the right to redemption granted by subsection (b) of Section 2406 of Title 28 of the United States Code, the right to redemption granted by subsection (e) of Section 2410 of Title 28 of the United States Code, the right to redemption granted by paragraph (2) of the first sentence of subsection (c) of Section 7425 of Title 26 of the United States Code, the right to redemption granted by subsection (c) of Section 2410 of Title 28 of the United States Code, the right to redemption granted by subsection (d) of Section 2410 of Title 28 of the United States Code. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit, which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR HOME OWNER HAS THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15/1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR RAMP 2001-RS10 Plaintiff, vs. BERNARDO VILLALOBOS AKA BERNARDO VILLALOBOS, LEONOR M. VILLALOBOS AKA LEONOR VILLALOBOS, DISCOVER BANK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, SCOTTSDALE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF CHICAGO, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 12 CH 31597 4360 S. LAFLAMME AVENUE, BURBANK, IL 60459 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 20, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 10, 2013, in the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4360 S. LAFLAMME AVENUE, BURBANK, IL 60459 Property Index No. 18-31-304-029

The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit, which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR HOME OWNER HAS THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15/1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW

For information: Visit our website at cityofchicago.org/bid, between the hours of 8 and 5 pm CHOICE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1100, Chicago, IL 60602 Tel No. 312-263-3030 Refer to File Number 12-0172-0 THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a blow by blow description of any foreclosure sale in Cook County and a lot more interesting information.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION [illegible] NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff v. [illegible] Defendants 12 CH [illegible] NOTICE OF SALE

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The real estate is improved with a condominium. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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For information: contact Plaintiff's attorney, KOZNY & VAUGHN, ILLINOIS, LLC, 500 WEST ADAMS STREET, SUITE 1900, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 606-8000. Please refer to file number 12-[illegible]. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. KOZNY & VAUGHN, ILLINOIS, LLC, 500 WEST ADAMS STREET, SUITE 1900, Chicago, IL 60606-3212, 606-8000, Attorney File No. 12-[illegible] Attorney Code [illegible] Case Number: 12 CH [illegible] TJSC 35 [illegible] NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1[illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK N.A. Plaintiff, vs. JOSE VALADEZ; MARIA ELENA VALADEZ; FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION; SILVER PLATINUM COMMUNITY BANK F.S.B.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 12 CH [illegible] NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on June 27, 2013 I intentionally Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, September 30, 2013 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 24-09-122-012-1006. Commonly known as 8617 Cook Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance by certified funds within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Mr. Anthony Porto at Plaintiff's Attorney, Freedman Anselmo Lindberg, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Illinois 60563-1890, (630) 453-6960. For Bidding instructions visit www.fal-illinois.com 24 hours prior to sale. F12120082 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer (312) 444-1122 [illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-20CB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-20CB Plaintiff, vs. MANUEL LOZANO; JOSE SOLIS; EAGLE ROAD CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDER OF THE CWHEQ, INC., CWHEQ REVOLVING HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-E; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MANUEL LOZANO, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JOSE SOLIS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 12 CH [illegible] NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on December 12, 2012 I intentionally Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, September 30, 2013 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 24-30-122-012-1006. Commonly known as 8617 Cook Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance by certified funds within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION HSBC BANK USA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST SERIES 2006-AR5 Plaintiff, vs. ROSALBA BLAZA; CLAUDIUM BLAZA 6622-24 SOUTH KEDZIE AVENUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SAI TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK A FEDERAL ASSOCIATION; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROSALBA BLAZA, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF CLAUDIUM BLAZA, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 10 CH 54608

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on February 21, 2013 I intentionally Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, September 30, 2013 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 24-10-103-020-1004. Commonly known as 6624 South Kedzie and 48 Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

For information: Visit sales.atty.pierce.com between 3 p.m. - 7:5 p.m. Pierce & Associates, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5400. Refer to File Number 1409910. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION Selling Officer (312) 444-1122 [illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION CITIBANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR BEAR STEARNS ALT-A TRUST 2007-1 Plaintiff, vs. DAMIAN CISZER; PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO MIDAMERICA BANK, FSB; BATAVIA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; MILENA CISZER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF DAMIAN CISZER, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 11 CH [illegible]

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on April 10, 2013 I intentionally Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, October 4, 2013 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property: P.I.N. 24-18-200-032-1220. Commonly known as 10840 BROOKS LANE, UNIT C4, CHICAGO RIDGE, IL 60415

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a condominium residence. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by subdivisions (g)(1) and (g)(4) of Section 9 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE [illegible] ASSET TRUST Plaintiff, v. JESUS MARIETA; [illegible] A VELAZQUEZ; STATE OF ILLINOIS Defendants, 12 CH [illegible] 14758 KEYSTONE AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 8, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 7, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14758 KEYSTONE AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-10-403-025-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $[illegible] 977.66. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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For information: contact Plaintiff's attorney, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file number 14-12-[illegible]. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-5300, Attorney File No. 14-12-[illegible] Attorney ARDC No. [illegible] Attorney Code [illegible] Case Number: 12 CH 31[illegible] TJSC 35 [illegible] NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1[illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, v. TONA THOMAS; [illegible] MIDDLETON AKA [illegible] D. MIDDLETON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 11 CH [illegible] NORTH WEST [illegible] PLACE, Chicago, IL 60602 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 5, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 9:30 AM on September 27, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as [illegible] NORTH WEST [illegible] PLACE, Chicago, IL 60602 Property Index No. [illegible] 411-[illegible]-0000. The real estate is improved with a three single family houses attached, 1½ car garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA Plaintiff, v. BRANDY T. JOHNSON; CINDY A. JOHNSON; OLD NATIONAL BANK; MERIDIAN ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. Defendants, 12 CH [illegible] 1515 S. CICERO AVENUE, BERWYN, IL 60402 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 18, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 15, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1515 S. CICERO AVENUE, BERWYN, IL 60402 Property Index No. 16-25-401-024. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA Plaintiff, v. [illegible] NORTHSIDE VILLA CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants, 12 CH [illegible] 10820 PARKSIDE AVENUE, UNIT [illegible], CHICAGO RIDGE, IL 60415 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 22, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on September 19, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10820 PARKSIDE AVENUE, UNIT [illegible], CHICAGO RIDGE, IL 60415 Property Index No. 24-17-208-[illegible]

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# *Open House For Fast Track Truck Driver Training Progrm*

**South Suburban College (SSC) and STAR Truck Driving School are celebrating their five year partnership with a Truck Driving School Open House on Monday, Sept. 9th from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Open House will take place in STAR's Office at the college's Main Campus, Room 1362. SSC and STAR are providing career opportunities in truck driving to local residents who are looking for a career change. The collaboration has now prepared 392 students and counting for rewarding careers since 2008 through this fast track program.**

**This special accelerated course provides an emphasis on local pickup and delivery operations, and is designed to provide comprehensive training in all facets of safe, defensive driving in demanding local traffic conditions. Students train in a wide variety of local traffic environments with an emphasis on attaining superior backing skills. Students will need a D.O.T. Physical, a driving record from the Secretary of State, and must submit to a drug screening to get started in the program.**

**Class sections take place at the Main Campus in South Holland, and are usually limited to around 10 students each so that everyone will get the hands-on attention that is needed to succeed in the program and on the certification exams. Graduates of the program are very well prepared for the certification testing. Equally important to students is the attention devoted to assisting graduates with finding jobs in trucking that will provide secure futures for themselves and their families. The skills developed at STAR will provide for a lifetime of earnings potential in the high demand field of transportation. STAR has placed graduates in jobs with hundreds of trucking companies locally and nationally.**

**Star Truck Driving School offers a complete training program in four to six-week courses from 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. No weekend courses are offered, but part-time hours may be available through customized flexible scheduling programs. Classes include approximately forty hours of classroom instruction with the remainder of the time spent in a truck. The full program enables a student to acquire a permit, vehicle inspection (pre-trip), backing skills, and road test. STAR supplies all insurance and vehicles which includes the truck for testing. STAR Truck Driving School trains for Class A and B C.D.L.'s. Class A permits drivers for a tractor trailer combination vehicle and Class B permits drivers for a Straight Truck.**

**This Open House will provide attendees with an opportunity to find out about all of the opportunities available, course scheduling, and most importantly, to see the trucks. Instructors will also be on hand to answer questions. This event will be located in Room 1362, via entrance #10 at the south end of the Main Campus at 15800 S. State Street in South Holland. For more information, call (708) 25-5884.**

**Pictured from left to right, front row: Current students Jerry Morris and James Ferrell; George Sanders, lead instructor; Lamar McDavis, student; Ken MacRae, president; Current students pictured on truck: Cleveland McClinton and Michael Hernandez.**

# Lipinski Introduces Bill To Bring Transparency To Hospital Prices

As part of his ongoing commitment to rein in the cost of healthcare, U. S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (D) has introduced H.R. 2853, the Hospital Price Transparency Act of 2013. The bipartisan bill would require hospitals to publicly disclose the prices they charge for their most common medical procedures, allowing consumers to make more informed choices, encouraging competition among providers, and ultimately leading to lower healthcare costs for the public.

"We already know the prices charged by hospitals for even the most basic services can vary dramatically from one hospital to the next. When patients don't know the prices that hospitals charge they cannot make informed choices, and without price competition there is no incentive for hospitals to hold down the prices they charge," Rep. Lipinski said. "You wouldn't think of getting work done on your car or your home without first knowing the cost of the repairs. Why should your own personal healthcare be any different? This bill brings some much needed transparency to the healthcare field and arms consumers with the information they need to make their own decisions regarding where they seek treatment."

This spring, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) publicly released data showing the "sticker" prices hospitals charge Medicare patients for common medical procedures, as well as the lower amounts they actually receive after negotiating with the Medicare program.

Rep. Lipinski's legislation would take these disclosures a step further by requiring hospitals to release the average rates negotiated with top insurers for the 100 most common services provided to insured patients. The average prices charged to uninsured patients also would be disclosed. The information would be available via a consumer website maintained by HHS.

Through this legislation, consumers will be given a better picture of the discounted, negotiated rates hospitals are actually charging. With insurance companies requiring patients to pay more costs out of pocket, this information would become essential for planning and budgeting for healthcare expenses.

U. S. Rep. Markwayne Mullin (OK-2) is the bill's primary Republican cosponsor.

"The lack of price transparency in healthcare stifles competition in the marketplace, promotes waste and frustrates patients, who increasingly are being asked to shoulder more responsibility for their medical costs," Rep. Lipinski said. "The Hospital Price Transparency Act would bring some common sense to a process the public far too often finds mysterious and confusing."

# Safety Training

Back to school also means back to practice for thousands of student athletes and coaches. The American Red Cross has training and resources available for people to learn how to treat a variety of emergencies and injuries that may occur throughout the sports season.

Red Cross has developed a number of resources for everyone involved in sports and recreational activities.

* First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches is an online program for teens and adults who coach at any age level. Developed with the National Federation of State High School Associations, this course covers first aid skills including breathing emergencies and injuries to muscles, bones and joints. Coaches are encouraged to take a CPR/AED course as well.

* Family First Aid and CPR is an online course for those not required to have OSHA-compliant certification. Participants learn how to treat cardiac, breathing and first aid emergencies until help arrives. Pediatric modules are also available.

* American Red Cross First Aid App is a free app for smart phones and tablets. It gives users instant access to information on how to handle the most common first aid situations, and includes videos and interactive quizzes. The app puts lifesaving information right in people's hands wherever and whenever they need it.

Information on courses and additional resources are available at redcross.org. A variety of Red Cross apps can be found in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store for Android by searching for American Red Cross, or by going to *red cross.org/mobileapps*.

# *Autism Conference*

**The Arc of Illinois "Living With Autism" Conference will be taking place on Sept. 24, at the Tinley Park Convention Center. The "Living With Autism" Conference will bring together experts from across the country to discuss and examine topics relating to a variety of issues that will help families, professionals, and everyone living with autism in their everyday life. Keynote speaker, Stephen Shore (pictured), Ed.D. will share his experiences living with autism with his presentation, "Obstacles Into Opportunities: Turning Away From Closed Doors and Opening New Ones". Participants will come away with practical solutions for considering characteristics of autism as potential springboards to success in education from preschool to post graduate, employment, effective self-advocacy, and meaningful engagement in the community as building blocks for leading a fulfilling and productive life. Barbara J. Doyle, MS will present "Positive Behavioral Change." Participants will learn: unifying assumptions that will make behavioral interventions more effective, accurate, working definitions of behavior, behavior management and behavioral programming; the importance of the "can't vs. won't" dilemma; simple, effective ways to collect and analyze data; how to communicate more effectively with others regarding behavior in order to have better team decision making and much more! Dr. Paula Kluth will present "You're Going To Love This Kid: Educating Students with Autism in Inclusive Schools and Community Settings." Participants will learn practical ways of supporting students with autism spectrum labels and other disabilities within general education classrooms and community settings. Continuing Education Credits for professionals will be available at this conference. Register online at www.thearcofil.org/events or check out the brochure here. For questions, contact their office at (815) 464-1832.**

# Mother McAuley All-Class Reunion And McAuley Hall Induction

The Mother McAuley Saint Xavier Academy Alumnae Association will host the school's first annual All-Class Reunion and McAuley Hall Induction ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. All alumnae, friends and supporters of the school are invited to attend this first-ever event, which will be held on the school's campus, located at 3737 W. 99th Street in Chicago.

The evening will begin with Mass at 5:30 p.m. celebrated by Fr. Mark Walters, followed by a ceremony recognizing the first-ever inductees, nominees and nominators of McAuley Hall – the school's new Hall of Honor. Inductees were chosen from numerous submissions. In addition to the inductees, all nominees and their nominators also will be honored that evening.

McAuley Hall will be a permanent installation at the school, serving to educate and inspire current and future students, and all who visit the school.

The All-Class Reunion will kick-off at 7 p.m. with a champagne reception to celebrate all 2013 inductees, nominees and nominators. Food, drink and a variety of entertainment will be featured throughout the evening. Tours of the school will be offered and McAuley spirit wear and other merchandise will be available for purchase. Special entertainment will be provided by current students representing various McAuley clubs and organizations.

Alumnae classes which are celebrating a 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th+ reunion will have the opportunity to reunite with their classmates in designated rooms. Representatives from these banner years are encouraged to become involved. For more information, contact Linda Balchunas Jandacek '84, Alumnae Coordinator, at (773) 881-6565 or alumnae@mothermcauley.org.

Proceeds from the Reunion will benefit the Student Resource Fund, which supports extraordinary needs of student organizations, student activities, student athletic clubs or teams. Student Resource Funds help sustain opportunities that promote unique learning experiences outside of the classroom, and instill leadership skills in young women.

For more information about McAuley Hall and the All-Class Reunion, or to purchase tickets, visit www.mothermcauleyalums.org. Ticket packages start at $35. Early-bird ticket sales close on Oct. 15th.

ALL POINTS

# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Andrew D. Botte**

Services were held at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Blue Island, on Thursday, with interment at First Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, for Andrew D. Botte. He was a former Alderman and City Treasurer for the City of Blue Island. He was the husband of the late Florence.

He is survived by his children Linda (James) McGeever and Becky (Robert) Selle and three grandchildren.

**Arnold H. Cole**

Services were held in Orland Park, on Saturday, with interment at Orland Memorial Park Cemetery, for Arnold H. "Dart" Cole, 84.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy L. "Dottie", his daughter Linda Dore, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Roy C. Fusco**

Mass was said at St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Church, Orland Park, with a private interment for Roy C. Fusco, 83. He was a US Naval Veteran. He was the husband of the late Louise.

He is survived by his children Mary (Mark) Abels, Carole (Scott) Sterkowitz and Joan (Joseph) Janachowski, nine grandchildren and his sister Marlene (Fred) Healy.

**George S. Gianakas**

Mass was said at St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Palos Hills, on Tuesday, with interment at Bethania Cemetery for George S. Gianakas, 47. He was a graduate of Brother Rice High School and Loyola University. He was a gifted and successful businessman who mastered cooking gourmet cuisine of several national origins.

He is survived by his parents Steven and Matina Gianakas and his siblings Peter (Ruta Jurpalyte) Gianakas and Nancy (Nick) Gianakas Halikias.

**Loretta B. Hammer**

Mass was said at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, on Friday, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, for Loretta B. Hammer, 88. She was retired from Carson Pirie Scott in the Evergreen Store. She was a member of the Happy Hometowners Group.

She is survived by her children Sheila (John) Buck, Martin (Kathleen) Hammer, Kathleen Bucholz, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**Lucille E. Kiselus**

A memorial service was held at the VFW Post 450, Alsip on Saturday, for Lucille E. Kiselus, 81. She was a life time member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary 450. She was the wife of the late Joseph.

She is survived by her daughter, Jean (Marty) one granddaughter and two great-grandchildren.

**Sherry L. Lower**

Services were held at the Moraine Valley Baptist Church, on Friday, with Interment at Orland Memorial Park Cemetery, for Sherry L. Lower of Alsip. She was 65. She was a self-employed computer consultant.

She is survived by her son Jeremy (Sarah) Lower, one grandchild and her sister Linda (Michael) Potts.

**Richard L. Mundo**

Mass was said at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Richard L. Mundo.

He is survived by his wife Sharon, his children Richard Jr., John (Kathleen), Kevin (Eileen), eight grandchildren and his sister Carol Mundo Reid.

**Mary N. Oboikovitz**

Mass was said at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, on Thursday, for Mary N. "Mac" Oboikovitz. She was the wife of the late Emil.

She is survived by her children Mark (Kathy), Paula (Russ) Slovey, and Lois (Bob) Bylina, five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and her brother Richard (Gerry) McNamara.

**Amanda N. Puckett**

Services were held at the Peace Memorial Church, Palos Park, on Friday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Amanda N. Puckett, 19. She was a sophomore at Millikin University studying musical performance. She graduated from Victor J. Andrew High School, Class of 2012. She is survived by her parents Michael Sr. and Deborah, her siblings Michael Jr., Timothy and Madalyn Puckett, her grandparents Patricia Hermann and Jim and Joan Puckett and Barbara Hermann.

**Raymond A. Rohlfs**

Services were held on Saturday at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Chicago, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Raymond A. Rohlfs. He was a retired Lieutenant in the Chicago Fire Department. He was 83.

He is survived by his wife Lorraine E. Rohlfs, his children Dr. Ruth (Dr. David) Mills, Rev. Raymond (Jo Ann) Rohlfs, and David (Tami) Rohlfs, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Marie M. Sautter**

Mass was said at Incarnation Church, Palos Heights, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Benedict Cemetery, for Marie M. Sautter. She was the wife of the late William.

She is survived by her children William (Naomi) Sautter, Jr., Mary Maurer, Sharon (Richard) Doyle, Nancy (Christopher) Ast and Debbie (Dan) Fisher, fourteen grandchildren, twenty nine great-grandchildren and her sisters Betty Wolenberg, Boydie Morris and Dorothy Kaufman.

**Daniel F. Walsh**

Services were held at the Heartland Memorial Center, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Daniel F. "Danny" Walsh, 75, a veteran, and long time resident of Country Club Hills. He had a long career as a certified cosmetologist.

He is survived by his siblings Jacqueline (Jim) Lewis, John James Walsh, Jr., Patricia (Richard) Young-McConnell, and Michael (Laura) Walsh, Sr.


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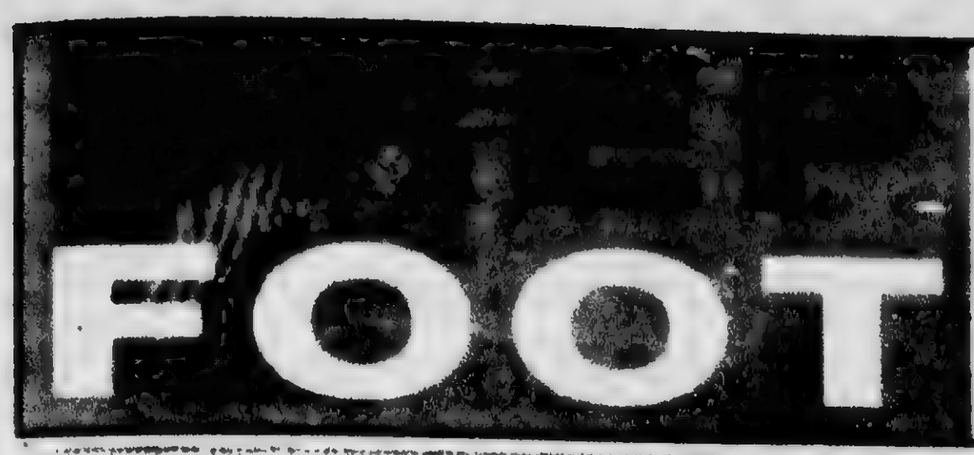

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## "Sheila The Great" Returns To Hannum School

**What's better than blankets, books, and fresh air in the park? How about a character parade at the beginning of the school year!**

**Students from Hannum Elementary School received a copy of Judy Blume's, "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing" and were challenged to read the book as a family throughout the summer. Families met with Mrs. McGovern, principal of Hannum Elementary, several times under the coverage of a shade tree at Sullivan Park in Oak Lawn, where they read the book together as a group.**

**The final activity of this challenge took place on Wednesday, August 28th, as students paraded around Hannum School dressed as their favorite characters. Who is your favorite character?**

**Pictured: Mrs. Ann Marie McGovern as Sheila the Great, 3rd grader Vasilliki Koutsis as Fudge, and 1st grader Yazmin Martinez as Juicy-O.**

## Southwest Conference Of Mayors To Host Development Summit

The Southwest Conference of Mayors is hosting a Development Summit of the Harlem Avenue Corridor on Wednesday, September 18. The Summit is being held to highlight development potentials for 10 key redevelopment opportunities totaling over 350 acres that are available in the Harlem Avenue Corridor. The Summit will begin with a bus tour of key properties and end with a luncheon presentation at Toyota Park, and the opportunity to meet with community officials.

The Harlem Avenue Corridor is a major commercial thoroughfare that extends through southwest suburban Chicago, including the following communities: Bedford Park, Bridgeview, Burbank, Chicago Ridge, Oak Lawn, Orland Park, Palos Heights, Palos Hills, Tinley Park, and Worth.

The Summit represents the implementation of the Harlem Avenue Corridor Plan, www.harlemcorridor.com. Beginning in June 2010, the SCM led an inclusive, community-oriented planning process to develop a plan for the Corridor that addresses market conditions, economic development opportunities, and transportation improvements. "The goal of the Summit is to take the economic development recommendations of the plan to the next level, by marketing these parcels and communities to the larger development community. Officials from all ten communities will be available to discuss opportunities and to answer questions. It is a fantastic opportunity," stated Vicky Smith, Executive Director of the Southwest Conference of Mayors, and host of the event.

The Harlem Avenue Corridor Development Summit will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2013. Registration begins at 9:30 at Toyota Park, 7000 S. Harlem Ave. in Bridgeview. The bus tour begins at 10 a.m., with a luncheon presentation to follow at 11:30 a.m. at Toyota Park. The event is free to developers, brokers and other development professionals, but registration is required and space is limited. For more information, contact Vicky Smith, (708) 403-6132.

## PLOWS Council On Aging Programs

You are invited to PLOWS Council on Aging's KEYS TO CAREGIVING Series. Seating is limited. Registration is required for these events. Call PLOWS to register for each program at (708) 361-0219.

Have you wondered how to keep yourself or a senior you care for safe and comfortable at home? Patrick Cahill of Home Mobility Modifications in Palos Heights will present "Home Modifications" on Wednesday, Sept. 18th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the PLOWS offices, 7808 College Drive - 5th Floor, Palos Heights.

Learn simple steps to make a senior's residence safer and more accessible. Patrick will offer tips on improving home safety using items you may already have, as well as products currently on the market to assist both seniors and caregivers. He will present simple, inexpensive solutions to make it safer, easier, and more comfortable for a senior to live in and be cared for at home.

Patrick Cahill is a Certified Home Modification Specialist through the National Resource Center on Supportive Housing and Home Modification, a member of Accessible Home Improvement of America, and a Certified Environmental Access Consultant.

Thirty-three million Americans are affected by loss of bladder control. Incontinence is not normal at any age and is symptomatic of other health issues. Dr. JoAnn Gruca, RN, Associate Professor Emeritus at St. Xavier University, and PLOWS Board member, will present this valuable information.

PLOWS will host a seminar on incontinence developed by the Simon Foundation for Incontinence on Wednesday, Sept. 25th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the PLOWS offices, 7808 College Drive - 5th Floor, Palos Heights.

## *Tour Stickney Water Reclamation Plant*

**President Kathleen Therese Meany of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago recently hosted a tour for Senator Bill Cunningham and Representative Fran Hurley at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant.**

**The Stickney Plant is the largest in the world. To quote Senator Cunningham, "This plant is unbelievable."**

**Pictured with President Meany (center) is Senator Cunningham and Representative Hurley.**

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 16 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 17 - Tuesday - Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 17 - Tuesday - OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, Lower Level Rotary Room, 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 17 - Tuesday - Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 18 - Wednesday - Farmers Market, Dumke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 am. to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday except Sept. 4th.)

SEPTEMBER 18 - Wednesday - Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room 119, 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 19 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 21 - Saturday - Outdoor Flea Market & Bake Sale, Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 Ridgeland Ave., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 24 - Tuesday - OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 24 - Tuesday - Village Hall Open to 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 25 - Wednesday - Farmers Market, Dumke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 am. to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday.)

SEPTEMBER 25 - Wednesday - Green Team Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 25 - Wednesday - Public Works Committee, Municipal Center, Conference Room A., 9446 Raymond Ave., 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 26 - Thursday - OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 26 - Thursday - Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 26 - Thursday - Worth Township Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.


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# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## Go Dutch At Elim This September

Dutch traditions dating back to medieval times are being celebrated again this fall at the 18th annual Elim Christian Services Dutch Festival on Saturday, Sept. 28th. The sounds of melodic folk music and the stomping of klompen (clogs) will be heard all around the Elim Christian Services campus in Palos Heights.

The Dutch Festival is a fun event for all ages, and all the proceeds from the event benefit over 900 children and adults with disabilities. The day begins at 7:30 a.m. with a home cooked pannekoeke (pancake) breakfast. The rest of the day, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Dutch Village shops will be open where you can indulge in Duth pastries, see the crafts and gift items, or sit and enjoy the all-day entertainment. Performing this year will be the harmonic Doo Wop group Harbor Lights, singing their rendition of classic songs like "Under the Boardwalk" and "My Girl." Also, there will be entertaining performances by the members of Elim's Choir, and Dutch dancers doing klompendanskunst (Dutch clogging).

From bankets (pastries with almond filling) to hutspot (beef and potatoes), the Dutch Fest will offer a variety of Dutch cuisines and treats. For those who prefer more conventional foods, hamburgers, pizza by the slice, bratwurst, hot dogs, and other foods will be available to eat. All are delicious and affordable, or, to put it in another way, "Allen zijn heerlijk en betaalbaar."

In hopes that the Dutch Festival will leave a lasting impression on the community, and on the people who attend, Chairperson Renita Van Aolkema states, "I hope people can see God's love for everyone there. I want people to be able to have an enjoyable, entertaining day, and be at a place where people enjoy bringing their families and people with disabilities."

Elim's mission is to equip children and adults with disabilities to achieve to their highest God-given potential. Elim pursues this mission by providing educational, vocational, therapeutic, and residential services to over 900 persons with developmental disabilities.

Admission to Dutch Festival is free and free parking with shuttle bus service is provided. Elim Christian Services is located at 13020 S. Central Ave. in Palos Heights, 23 miles South-Southeast of downtown Chicago. For questions contact Laura Schnyders at (708) 293-6509, or find out more information by visiting http://www.elimcs.org.

## Seek Crafters For Bazaar

Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, 8426 W. 95th St., is looking for crafters who wish to participate in this year's Holiday Craft Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. The rental fee for a six foot table is $30. For information, call Grace at (708) 423-6378.

## "FALL Shmalig At The Shelter"

Animal Welfare League will be hosting a "Shmalig at the Shelter" on Sunday, Oct. 6th at 10305 Southwest Highway in Chicago Ridge from 12 to 5 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend this free, fun-filled afternoon with crafts and pet vendors, kids' games, discounted microchipping, bake sale, DJ, food, raffles, shelter tours, pet adoption specials and so much more.

Vendor opportunities are also available. See the shelter's website for information on becoming a vendor at the event or contact the shelter directly. Space is limited so don't delay!

The Animal Welfare League is a not-for-profit humane organization. The League operates two shelters in the Chicago area, which care for over 19,000 homeless and abandoned animals each year. The Animal Welfare League receives no local, state or federal funding and relies on private donations. The League's services include adoptions, animal redemptions, animal assisted therapy, humane education, volunteer program, cruelty investigations, a low-cost spay and neuter clinic, clinic services for those on a limited income. Clinic is open to the general public.

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Salem United Church will be having a parking lot sale on Saturday September 14th, with a rain date of Saturday September 21st. The sale will run from 9:00am until 3:00pm. The cost for a space is $15.00 and you can bring your own tables or rent 8ft tables for $5.00 each (first come, first serve basis). Money will only be refunded if a rain date Saturdays. Your completed application and payment must be received by September 12th, 2013.

You MUST BE SET UP by 8:30am as we will be closing the lot. Since we are closing the lot you will need to remain until 3:00pm for everyone's safety.

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# Inaugural Midway Fly Away 5K

Runners of all levels are invited to be a part of history as the first ever 5K race will be held on the airfield of Chicago's Midway International Airport on Sunday, Sept. 15. The Midway Fly Away 5K will benefit Special Olympics Chicago.

This inaugural event will offer athletes the opportunity to run or walk 3.1 miles directly on the airfield of Midway Airport, complete with jumbo jets and airplanes taking off and landing overhead throughout the race. The race will begin and end at the Southwest Airlines Hangar.

Registration is now open through Sept. 10 at noon, by visiting www.sxchicago.org. At that website, participants can create a personal fundraising page where supporters can make tax deductible donations. The first 1,000 people registered will receive a commemorative Midway Fly Away 5K Run/Walk t-shirt. All those who raise more than $250 will automatically be entered to win two round trip airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States that Southwest Airlines flies – with no restrictions or blackout dates. Prizes will also be awarded to the top male and female participants.

"This race will not only be thrilling for any athlete to take part in, but also historic as it is the first race of its kind at Midway Airport," said James "Skinny" Sheahan, race coordinator for the Midway Fly Away 5K. "And, what better cause could any runner race for than the athletes of Special Olympics Chicago. The monies raised from this event will help to support the programs and activities that thousands of Special Olympics athletes enjoy each year."

"On behalf of Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Department of Aviation, we are proud to partner with Special Olympics Chicago and Southwest Airlines to host this exciting community event at the site of aviation's busiest square mile, Midway International Airport," said Chicago Department of Aviation Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino. "Participants will enjoy a truly unique and fun experience on Midway's active airfield, while also raising funds for a great cause."

Onsite registration will be available on race day beginning at 6 am until 7:30 am. The race will begin promptly at 8 am. Participants should bring a photo id and check-in at the Southwest Airlines Hangar, located at 5035 West 55th Street at Midway Airport. No backpacks/bags will be allowed on the course, however, there will be gear check available the day of the race. No "wheels", including strollers, bicycles, tricycles, rollerblades, inline skates, will be allowed on the airfield.

Free parking will be available for all participants in the Midway Airport Economy Parking lot, located at 5050 W. 55th St.

Special Olympics, which is celebrating its 45th year, began in 1968 at Chicago's Soldier Field. Since that time, Special Olympics has encompassed the globe with over four million athletes from 170 countries competing.

The Midway Fly Away 5K is presented by Southwest Airlines, the city of Chicago, and the Department of Aviation.

# Employers Needed

Employers from all industries who have position openings are needed for Moraine Valley Community College's Fall Job and Internship Fair on Thursday, Sept. 26, from 2 to 5 p.m. The fair will be in the Moraine Business and Conference Center, Building M, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. Employer check-in is at noon, and the employer luncheon is at 12:30 p.m.

The Fall Job and Internship Fair is a prime opportunity for employers to recruit students, alumni and community members to fulfill employment needs, including hourly or salary jobs and paid or non-paid internships. Commission-only positions and undisclosed third-party recruiting will not be included.

The registration fee is $100 for a six-foot table and lunch for two recruiters. You also can register for the Spring Job and Internship Fair, and the fee for both fairs will be reduced to $150. Registration forms are due by September 20, and can be downloaded from the college's website at morainevalley.edu/jrc. Space is limited.

For more information about the fair or other events, call the Job Resource Center at (708) 974-5313, or visit the website.

# *Students Spread Hope, Love, And Magic To Hospitalized Kids*

**Over forty Mount Assisi Academy students gathered in room 312 to help spread some hope, love, and magic to children who are suffering with illness and disease. They did this by creating homemade greeting cards filled with encouraging sayings like "Be Brave", "Never Forget How Wonderful You Are", and "Stay Strong"! They used plenty of bright colors and stickers in the hopes that their cards would brighten the day of a sick child. The students created over 100 cards and plan on sending them to a local organization called Cards for Hospitalized Kids which was started by a teen girl after her own stay in the hospital. Once the cards are received, Cards for Hospitalized Kids will send them to patients in Children's Hospitals all over the country. To learn more about Cards for Hospitalized Kids visit www.cardsforhospitalizedkids.com.**

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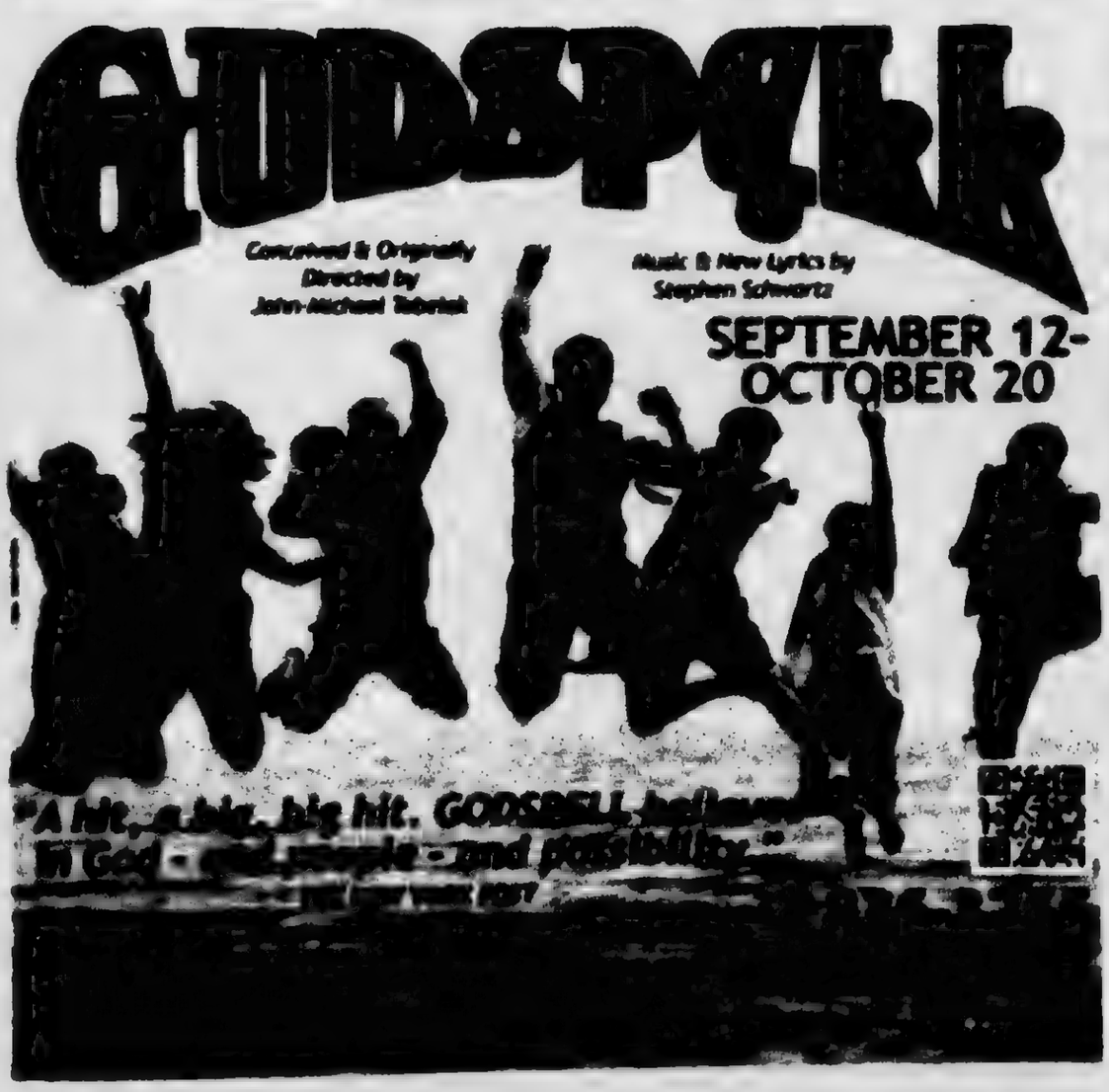

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# EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

## *MWRD Responds To Moody's Rating Action*

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is the agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management for over five million people in the city of Chicago and 125 municipalities in Cook County. The MWRD was informed today by Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) that the rating on its outstanding General Obligation debt was downgraded one notch from Aaa to Aa1 with a negative outlook.

Moody's assigns its Aaa rating for obligations judged to be of the highest quality and subject to the lowest level of risk. The Aa1 rating is the highest of the Aa rating category and is assigned for obligations judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.

Two reasons were given for the downgrade:

• Moody's changed its pension rating methodology in April 2013 and implemented different assumptions to estimate the unfunded pension liability; this new rating methodology was adopted for all U.S. state and local government ratings/reviews and resulted in an approximate doubling of the MWRD's estimated unfunded pension liability from $1.1 billion to $2.3 billion at Dec. 31, 2012.

• The significant debt burden and pension liabilities for major governmental agencies in Cook County are now considered a relative risk, not direct risk, for the MWRD's tax base. When governments consider debt issuance, rating agencies such as Moody's monitor overlapping debt trends as an affordability indicator. Overlapping agencies include the City of Chicago, Chicago Board of Education, Chicago Park District, Cook County, and the Cook County Forest Preserve District. The City of Chicago represents half of the MWRD's tax base.

Despite the downgrade, there were significant achievements noted in the Moody's report, including the MWRD's success in working with the Illinois General Assembly to solve its pension funding challenges. Public Act 97-0894 was signed into law on August 3, 2012, and this fiscally sustainable solution was implemented with no increase to the tax levy. Moody's also noted that the MWRD has a proactive management team utilizing best practices and strong financial operations with healthy reserve and cash levels.

The MWRD entered fiscal 2013 in perhaps the best financial condition in recent history and acted responsibly and proactively to address significant costs while increasing its financial stability in the following ways:

1. The MWRD received substantial funding under the Governor's Clean Water Initiative. $250 million of subsidized low interest rates loans were granted at a low rate of 1.93% to keep borrowing costs related to its capital improvements program at the lowest possible cost.

2. Reverse auctions were implemented for electricity purchases which resulted in a $10 million permanent cost savings on an annual basis, and.

3. The MWRD is funding its post retirement medical benefits in advance to offset the rising cost of retiree healthcare and its future liability. To date, the MWRD has contributed $92.4 million to reduce the unfunded status of the plan.

"We are proud of the work we have done on behalf of Cook County taxpayers to streamline our operations while adapting to recent economic conditions," said MWRD Treasurer Mary Ann Boyle. "Not only have we maintained our AAA rating with Standard and Poor's since 2000, but last February, Fitch Ratings affirmed our AAA rating with a stable outlook, something we have achieved for the past 12 consecutive years. Ratings agencies are reviewing bond issuers more frequently, so it is important that we continue to focus on maintaining sound financial operations, a manageable debt load, and prudent fiscal control of our resources."

## *Lipinski Launches "Doing Business With Argonne And Fermi"*

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-3), a longtime supporter of creating more economic development and jobs around the country's national laboratories, kicked off the inaugural "Doing Business with Argonne and Fermilab" event at Argonne National Laboratory near Lemont. The daylong event to make small businesses and start-up firms aware of the business opportunities with Argonne and Fermilab drew more than 140 people representing 90 local companies from the area, including several from the Third Congressional District.

"We are extremely fortunate to have not just one, but two of the country's finest Department of Energy national laboratories in our region. Argonne, which is located in my district, and Fermilab. As a senior Democrat on the Science, Space, and Technology Committee and the ranking member of the Research and Technology Subcommittee, I am committed to strengthening these research labs and making them even stronger economic engines for the area," Lipinski said. "Unfortunately, not many people know about the business opportunities at these labs. I am hopeful that events such as this will help small business owners and start-up companies learn more about the wide array of opportunities available at both facilities. Our national labs play an essential role in fulfilling the country's science and research needs, but they can only be successful by having strong relationships with local businesses."

The workshop and similar events in the future will increase awareness of the Argonne and Fermilab resources available to local entrepreneurs as they launch new products. Meanwhile these events would also allow the labs to expand on the roughly $200 million they invest each year on contracts for goods and services from area businesses, spurring economic growth and generating new jobs in the surrounding communities. Sessions held throughout the day focused on procurement, technology development, and commercialization.

Long a proponent of encouraging the transfer of cutting-edge research into new products, companies and jobs, Rep. Lipinski earlier this month cosponsored legislation to accelerate the commercialization of federally-funded research at national labs, universities, and research facilities. The bill will assist innovators and entrepreneurs in taking a promising idea into the marketplace, where it can create more jobs and economic activity at the local level.

Joining Rep. Lipinski to launch the new initiative at the Aug. 21 event were U.S. Rep. Bill Foster (IL-11), whose district also includes Argonne, and U.S. Rep. Randy Hultgren (IL-14), who represents Fermilab.

## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) sent the following statement to All Points regarding the possibility of United States involvement in Syria and the need to involve Congress on a plan of action:

"Like most Americans, I have been alarmed by the horrific events that have occurred and continue to occur in Syria. We know that as many as 100,000 people have been killed and 2 million refugees – half of them children – are residing in neighboring countries, potentially destabilizing the entire region. Now we suspect that the Assad regime has used chemical weapons against the Syrian people. The situation calls out for attention.

"But before there is any American intervention in Syria, the Obama administration must have a plan of action and include all members of Congress in consultations before that plan is carried out. Contrary to some erroneous media reports, there are only a small number of Congressional members who have had the opportunity to discuss this situation with the administration. This week, I joined more than 140 of my House colleagues from both sides of the aisle in urging the President to consult with Congress before taking any action in Syria.

"Many Americans are rightfully concerned about involvement in Syria, as am I. It is imperative for the President to address not only Congress but also the American public about his plans for Syria and why he believes these steps are necessary."

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State Rep. Fran Hurley (D-Orland Park) is partnering with state Senator Bill Cunningham to host a Senior Property Tax Forum for residents of the 38th District. The forum will be held this Friday, Sept. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Orland Township Senior Center, 14860 S. Ravinia Ave., in Orland Park.

"Tax bills are difficult to understand and changes in the law can simply make them too confusing," Hurley said. "Providing an opportunity for seniors to ask questions directly to a tax attorney can help save them time and hopefully a few extra dollars as well."

The event will begin at 2 p.m. and will offer presentations by tax professionals from the Center for Disability and Elder Law through their Senior Tax Opportunity Program. The Senior Tax Opportunity Program works with the Cook County Assessor's Office to reach out to seniors who are at risk of losing their homes due to back taxes.

After a presentation, attendees will break into small groups for a workshop seminar that pairs pro bono lawyers with seniors in attendance to file senior tax exemptions and reverse historic overpayment of property taxes. Attendees should bring their most recent property tax bill and any receipts or earning statements.

For more information, contact Hurley's constituent services office at Rep.FranHurley@gmail.com, (773) 445-8128 or (708) 233-9703.

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Last month the Stickney Township Regular Democratic Organization accepted the resignation of Democratic Committeeman Michael Looney, following several years of devoted service to the community.

On Aug. 16th, the Cook County Central Democratic Committee approved the selection of Vincent Cainkar as the new Committeeman, succeeding Looney.

Mr. Cainkar has told All Points that his first committeeman's meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Burbank Manor Banquet Hall, 6345 W. 79th St., Burbank. Gov. Patrick Quinn and other candidates will be introduced. Anyone interested in joining this organization are welcome to attend. For more information call (708) 430-2069.

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Robert Kuenster, owner-director of Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home in Oak Lawn, told All Points that his 15th annual "An Evening of Music with Our Friends" will be held on Saturday evening, Sept. 21. Doors open at 6 p.m.

This gift to the community commemorates the gratitude and commitment Mr. Kuenster and his staff feel toward the families and friends in the southwestern suburbs. Musical guests include Betty Aardema, Melissa Beslic, Helen Blazie, John Hillman, Julie Kane, Kristin Slager and Gina Vitucci.

A non-perishable food item would be appreciated. Items will be donated to local food pantries. To plan refreshments, kindly RSVP by Sept. 16th at (708) 425-0500. Complimentary parking provided. Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home is located at 5570 W. 95th St.

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The Irish American Alliance Social Club will host their 8th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, Sept. 27th, at the George W. Dunne National Golf Course, 16310 S. Central Ave., in Oak Forest.

Check in at 11 a.m. Shotgun start at noon. Tickets are $125 per player which includes golf cart, commemorative shirt, snack at turn, open bar from noon until two hours after golf, and buffet dinner. Buffet dinner only, $40.

For more information and hole sponsorships, registrations, call Jerry Doorby at (708) 250-6931 or visit chicagoaaa.org.

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A new public safety measure supported by state Rep. Elgie Sims (D-Chicago) requiring anyone who sells a gun in a private sale to confirm with the Illinois State Police (ISP) that the buyer's Firearm Owner's Identification Card (FOID) is valid, was signed into law recently.

Public Act 98-058 requires any resident who sell guns in a private sale to confirm with the ISP that the buyer's FOID card is current and valid. The seller is required to call the ISP and provide the buyer's FOID number for verification. The measure also gives sellers the option of paying a federally licensed firearms dealer to run a background check on the buyer. Gun owners will now also be required to report lost or stolen firearms to local police within 72 hours. The new law becomes effective immediately.

"By working together with members of the community and my colleagues in Springfield, we need to keep finding ways to help reduce gun violence on our streets and in our neighborhoods," Sims said. "We also need to keep moving forward in the fight against illegally obtained guns, which coincidentally are often the main source of the pain inflicted on our families and loved ones. The governor chose the 34th District when signing this measure into law, because he knows first-hand what a difference this new law will have on our surrounding communities."

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Sheriff Thomas J. Dart announced that the Cook County Jail's urban garden has its first bulk buyer of produce: Chicago-based restaurant Sopraffina.

Sopraffina, which has five downtown Chicago locations, specializes in Italian food made from locally raised and sustainable produce. The restaurant will purchase, in bulk, jail-grown Roma tomatoes, basil, kale, beets, butternut squash, zucchini squash, yellow squash, green peppers, red peppers, and cucumbers.

"I am proud to see the continual growth of the garden program," Sheriff Dart said. "The Cook County Jail urban garden provides a chance for our detainees to learn new skills to help them succeed in life.

"We are just thrilled to be a part of Sheriff Dart's urban garden program at the Cook County Jail," said Dan Rosenthal, president of the Rosenthal Group, which operates Sopraffina and two other restaurants. "Our guests get top quality produce from an organic local garden just 4 miles from our restaurant. We buy the produce at fair market value, and the money gets literally plowed back into the program to expand it and make it better. You just can't find a better example of a public private relationship where there's no tax burden, no bureaucracy, and everyone's a winner!"

For 20 years, the Cook County Jail garden has been tended by detainees, who are taught gardening skills in the classroom and out on the field. As the program has expanded to include sales to restaurants and the Daley Center Plaza Farmer's Market, participating detainees also learn business skills such as sales and marketing.

More than 1,500 detainees have participated in the garden program since its inception in 1993.

# Representative Rita Offers Update On I-57/294 Interchange

State Rep. Bob Rita joined with Gov. Quinn and other area state and local officials to offer an update on the Interstate 57/294 interchange, a key piece of economic revitalization in the south suburbs.

The Illinois Toll Highway Authority and Illinois Department of Transportation are working in earnest on the primary interchange connections between I-294 (the Tri-State Tollway) and I-57, along with realigning a part of Dixie Creek. That first phase will be completed by the end of 2014. The project is part of the Tollway's $12 billion capital program and when it's done will have pumped more than $700 million into the local economy.

Rita and the other officials outlined the reasons why the interchange is so important to the region at a Thursday morning news conference.

A $700 million shot in the arm for the Southland economy.

As many as 4,000 construction jobs and another 2,000 permanent jobs after the interchange is built.

Real time and fuel savings for commuters.

Better local access and more employment opportunities for minority contractors and workers.

Rita, who has served as chairman of the Illinois House Tollway Oversight Committee for several years as the project has progressed, said the encouraging development should bring hope to the area.

# *The LeRoy M. Corradino Spirit Award Recipient*

**Four years ago, Park Lawn established a new award in memory of LeRoy M. Corradino, a long time supporter and member of Park Lawn's A Day In The Sun committee, serving since its inception in 1986 as chairman and later chairman emeritus. This award is presented to an individual or group that exemplifies LeRoy's ideals and spirit of preserving Park Lawn's future.**

**There were many deserving candidates but this year's recipient stood out far above the rest.**

**Park Lawn proudly presented The 2013 LeRoy M. Corradino Spirit Award to Robert Kuenster from Thompson and Kuenster Funeral Home in Oak Lawn.**

**Bob has been a friend and supporter to Park Lawn since 1987 when he became involved with Park Lawn through his long time friend, LeRoy Corradino. This award is given to someone who embraces LeRoy's spirit and belief in Park Lawn's mission. Over the years, Bob has followed in LeRoy's footsteps by showing his support and embracing all that we stand for. (Bob, LeRoy and Gussie have been friends for more than 35 years) Bob is community minded and always puts the needs of others before his own.**

**Over the years, Bob has served on Park Lawn's board, assisted and recruited volunteers for the annual Tag Days and supported the annual appeal, auction and grand raffle. Bob has been a part of the Park Lawn family since the late 1980's. That's about the time Bob started playing golf in the annual golf invitational. He has not missed a year and is proud of his status as being one of the early founders and participants of the golf invitational which raises money for Park Lawn's Endowment fund – a fund to secure the future of the organization.....once again embracing LeRoy's spirit and belief in Park Lawn's mission.**

**Today, Bob continues his support by encouraging others to get involved. When Park Lawn held its Capital Campaign to raise money for the rebuild of Park Lawn Center, Bob jumped on board and hosted a wine tasting social event at his facility. He invited the community and his friends giving them the opportunity to learn more about the organization. His efforts raised over $1,200 for the rebuild of Park Lawn Center and created many new contacts and friends for Park Lawn. Most recently, his nephews Joe and Charlie Lombardo from Trio restaurant have come onboard with his support of employing a Park Lawn participant at their location in Palos Heights. Trio is among the newest of 17 sites in Park Lawn's Supported Employment program that employ program participants.**

**According to Bob's friends and family, he can be described as supportive, loving, caring, dependable, generous, faithful and a true friend. Park Lawn is blessed by Bob's long time friendship and support. He is one of a kind and an important part of the organization – past, present and future. "Thank you, Bob for your loyalty to its mission."**

**Bob Kuenster (right) is pictured with Jim Weise, Executive Director at Park Lawn (left) and Terri, a Park Lawn program participant.**

## Members Welcome

Blue Island Art Club was established 74 years ago. Its mission is to stimulate, foster and promote public interest in the art of painting. The Blue Island Art club is a group of resident artists, from beginners to professionals and open to the public. Allow your inner artists to combine traditional techniques with new perspectives.

The club invites new talents to its group. The club meets every Wednesday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at Memorial Park, 12804 S. Highland Ave., Blue Island.

Bring your own materials. The cost is $8 per person. New members are invited to one session free of charge.

For more information, call fine art instructor Sue Sepuits at (708) 599-4863.


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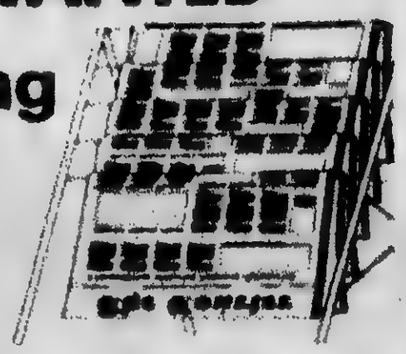

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# OUTDOORS by Jim Kirby

**CONCEAL-CARRY LAW ENACTED.** Illinois lawmakers voted to override Gov. Pat Quinn's veto of concealed carry legislation complying with a federal appeals court mandate resulting from a successful civil rights lawsuit against the state's prohibition on bearing arms for personal protection.

The Illinois House voted [illegible] to override Gov. Quinn's veto and the Senate followed suit by voting 41-[illegible]. The Moore case was brought by SAF [illegible] to force the State of Illinois to do the right thing" regarding the right to bear arms, [illegible].

■**A FALL CORNUCOPIA:** Fall is a special time in the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Crisp air and changing leaves means it's time for fall festivals and longer hikes. Squirrels will soon be busily hiding acorns to last through the winter. The Forest Preserve staff has been busy planning and bringing exciting programs to the preserves.

***After-school archery** – Staff provides instruction in this workshop for ages 10 and up. Parents welcome! Sept. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Egger's Grove. Sept. 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thatcher Woods. Call 708-771-1010 to reserve your spot.

***69th Annual American Indian Pow-Wow** – Experience Native American dance, drumming, food. Art, films, admission under $10. Sept. 13-15, Busse Woods.

***Fishin' Buddies Fishing Derby** – This annual family fishing derby is perfect for novices and reel masters alike. Sept. 14, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Wampum Lake. Sign up at *fishin[illegible]*

***Bullfrog Lake Paddle** – Join staff for a morning paddle around Bullfrog Lake. Instruction provided. Bring your own canoe or use ours. Sept. 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 9600 Wolf Road, Willow Springs. Call 708-771-1010 to reserve a spot.

***Family Campout** – Sleep under the stars, cook over a campfire, and enjoy canoeing, storytelling and more. Food and tents provided. $80 family of up to 6. Registration required. *[illegible]* (Tom Dvorkowski, President, FPD)

■**REGIONAL OUTDOOR REPORTS: *Indiana** – Find free fun at Fort Harrison State Park, Sept. 21-22, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. each day. As in previous years, participants can do just about everything from archery and target shooting to mountain biking, fishing, kayaking, a tree identification hike and more. All equipment is provided. All activities as well as parking and admission are free. Participants can even bring their own food, although food booths will be selling their specialties. The goal is to introduce people to outdoor activities they may never have tried. *[illegible]*

***Wisconsin** – Cooler evening temperatures are a signal to many bow hunters that the Sept. 14 opening of Wisconsin's archery deer season is just around the corner. "For those that love to bow hunt, it's an exciting time of the year, and anticipation runs high," said Kevin Wallenfang, the big game ecologist for the state Department of Natural Resources and an ardent, enthusiastic bow hunter. "With good conditions hunters can hope to see plenty of deer in most areas of the state," said Wallenfang. "Archers set an all-time record buck harvest last year, including set another state record trophy deer shot in Fond du lac County, as always, there is no substitute for scouting and pre-season contacts with land owners."

■**OUTDOOR CALENDAR: Now** through **Sept. 23**, teal season. ***Sept. 18** – Southside Muskie Hawks meeting, [illegible] p.m., (708) 334-[illegible]. ***Sept. 19** – Fish Tales Fishing Club meeting, 7 p.m., Bremen Township Building, *www.fishtalesfishingclub.com*. ***Sept. 27-29** – "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" workshop at Pete Marquette Park. Workshops in 25 related outdoor activities. Registration is limited; sign up now at *www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/R*. ***Sept. 28-29** – Northern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days, Silver Springs State Park, Yorkville. *www.huntingandfishingdays.org*. ***Sept. 28-29** – Hunter Safety Course, Mokena Park District, (708) 390-2400.

■**TRAIL USERS TO BENEFIT FROM FEDERAL FUNDING OF RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM:** Off-highway snowmobiles, motorcycles, ATV's and other trail users stand to benefit from up to $82.4 million in federal funding to be apportioned to 49 states through the Recreational Trails Program, only Florida opted out for fiscal 2014.

Each state manages its funds in consultation with an RTP board that represents both motorized and non-motorized recreationalists. RTP funds support motorized, non-motorized and mixed-use trail projects. The only stipulation is that 30 percent of obligated funds must go to motorized trails, 30 percent to non-motorized trails and 40 percent to mixed-use trails.

■**THINK ABOUT IT:** *"An optimist is a fisherman who takes along a camera."*

■**E-Mail Jim Kirby:** *kirbyoutdoors@sbcglobal.net*

# The Bremen Boys Cross Country Team Ranked InTop 25 In State

**The Bremen Boys' Cross Country Team was ranked in the top 25 in the State for the first time in school history. Key runners returning – Jacob Widstrom (sr.), Erick Meza (jr.), Craig Krygowski (jr.), Abraham Ramirez (jr.), Gaviel McClarkin (sr.), Peter Herrera (sr.), Edward Gross (jr.), Jacob Florian-Arias (jr.), and Emmanuel Flores (sr.)**

**Coach Bill Griffin returns his entire top seven from last year's Sectional team. The Braves most likely will be feeding into the Wheaton Academy Sectional where seven schools are rated in the top 25.**

**Jacob Widstrom qualified for State last year, but missed the track season due to a leg injury. He is back to training and should be 100% by mid-season. Erick Meza should be pushing Widstrom for the top spot. "They had a great summer. The top group ran close to 600 miles from June to mid-August. We return 11 of our top 12 from last year, including all of the top 10," said Griffin. "Our expectations are to win Conference, challenge for a Regional title, qualify for State as a team, and place in the top 15."**

**Pictured are members of the Cross Country Team that had the privilege of running three miles with Olympian runner Dathan Ritzenhein. Left to right: Erick Meza, Craig Krygowski, Peter Herrera, Abraham Ramirez, Jacob Widstrom, Eddie Gross, Sean Doyle, Manny Flores, Omar Delafuente. Sitting: U.S. Olympian Dathan Ritzenhein.**

# "Cougar Ale" On Tap

Alumni, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to Saint Xavier University's Homecoming celebration. The week of events, sponsored by the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, begins Saturday, Sept. 28 and takes place at SXU's Chicago campus, 3700 W. 103rd Street.

The theme for this year's celebration is "See What Saint Xavier's Got Brewing." It will feature the unveiling of Cougar Ale, an amber ale brewed specially for the occasion by local restaurant Horse Thief Hollow and Cougar Swirl, a white chocolate mocha coffee with raspberry swirl created by the Starbucks on campus. The theme also relates to the many new developments at SXU since the previous year, including the new Cougar athletics logo and updated SXU Athletics website (www.sxuathletics.com), renovations to the Robert and Mary Rita Murphy Stump Library, a newly redesigned space for the Center for Instructional Design and Academic Technology with smart classrooms, a recording studio and state-of-the-art media center.

For a full schedule of events and to register for Homecoming 2013, please visit www.sxu.edu, keyword homecoming. For more information about Homecoming, please contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at (773) 298-3110 or alumni@sxu.edu.

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# Bavarian Fest To Benefit Crisis Center

**The Crisis Center for South Suburbia announced that it will host the 3rd Annual Bavarian Fest fundraising event on Sunday, Sept. 22nd. The event will take place from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Water's Edge Golf Club, 7205 W. 115th Street in Worth.**

**The German-themed event will feature the Die Musikmeisters and Small Time Dave and The Windy City Crooks providing live entertainment, German-style dinner buffet along with domestic and imported beer and wine, raffle and contests including a bean bag tournament and German spelling bee. Ticket price is $25 in advance and includes dinner, two drink tickets, and live entertainment. Tickets at the door if available are $35 per person. For information and ticket purchases, visit www.bavarianfest2013.com.**

"This is our second year hosting the event at Water's Edge, it's the perfect venue for this outdoor event," commented Chris Beele, Special Events Coordinator for the Crisis Center. "Everyone will enjoy the surroundings, music, food, dancing and fun!" Beele added.

Premier sponsors for the event are Heim Group Mechanical Equipment, Inc., Midwest Applied Solutions, Sheet Metal Works and The Bohne Foundation. For additional information and sponsorship opportunities, contact Chris at (708) 429-7255, ext. 118.

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia's mission is to provide emergency shelter and other essential services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence and address the societal issues that contribute to domestic violence. The Center was founded in 1978.

Visit www.crisiscll.org for more information on the Crisis Center for South Suburbia.

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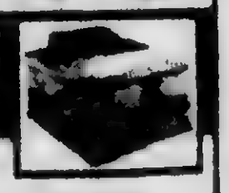

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**MANAGING HEALTH CARE COSTS AS YOU AGE**

It is said that a 65-year old retiring now faces average health care costs in retirement of about $220,000. Fortunately, there are ways to try to minimize some of them if you consider the tips below.

***Don't take your health coverage for granted.*** Coverage provided by employers after retirement is becoming very hard to come by, so be sure to factor expenses into a savings plan. Remember that you may be able to vastly improve your savings by working a few more years. Being active can help older people stay mentally and physically healthy, too.

***Shop around for prescriptions.*** There may be less expensive alternatives to the medications you're prescribed, and you might find much lower costs simply by calling a few local pharmacies to price compare. You can also sometimes find lower pricing on line and with mail order prescription programs. Also, if it is acceptable to your physician, a prescription provided to you in a higher dose, such as a 20 mg pill instead of the 10 mg one you take, can be a cost savings in the long run.

***Look into installment plans.*** If money is tight and you're looking at some considerable medical expenses, talk to your doctor or dentist. He or she may be able to keep costs down by suggesting less costly alternatives or by negotiating fees. Even hospital bills can be negotiable if you can demonstrate hardship.

***Take advantage of wellness programs at work.*** If you are in a large workplace, there may even be financial incentives for weight loss and enrollment in programs related to health maintenance and improvement.

***Learn what to expect with "Obamacare".*** Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, known as "Obamacare", those who work for employers not offering health insurance will be able to buy it for themselves, and those with limited means may also qualify for subsidies. People with pre-existing conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, or autoimmune diseases can feel relieved, too, because insurers will no longer be able to raise premiums or deny coverage.

***Maximize your health.*** Exercise, eat well, get regular checkups and preventative care and avoid bad habits such as smoking. Don't neglect important screenings which may be life savers against cancers and other diseases. Taking care of yourself can set you up for a longer life, and save you high health care costs as you age.

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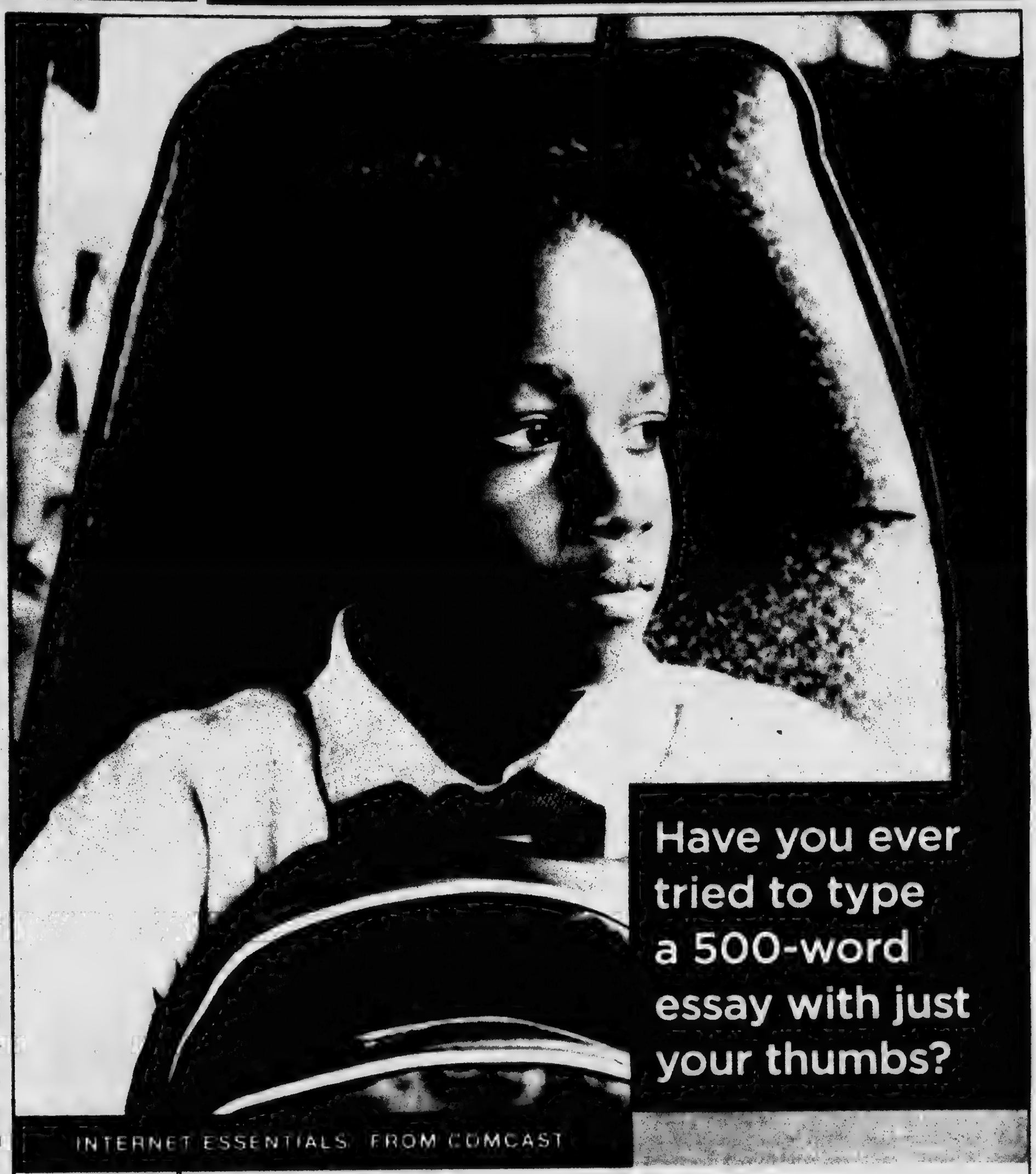


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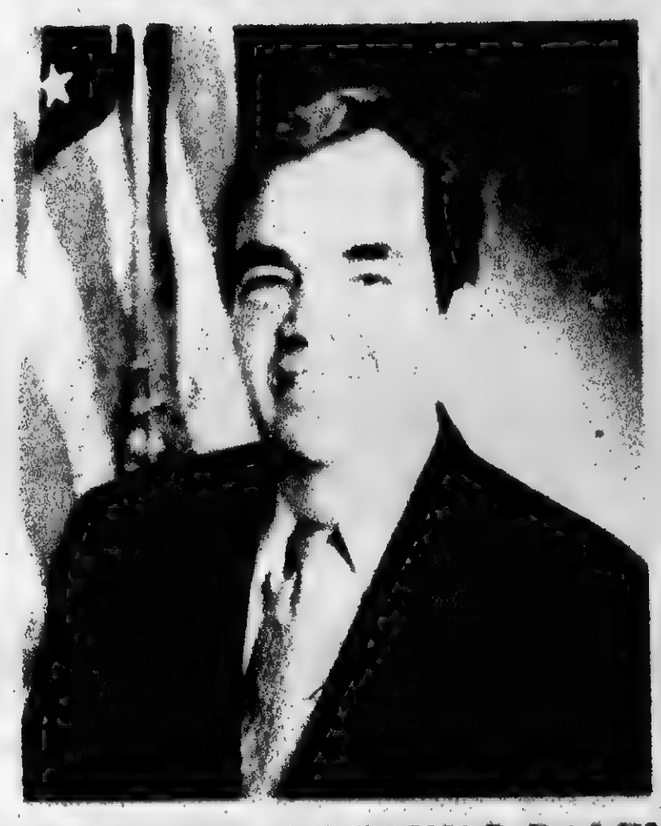

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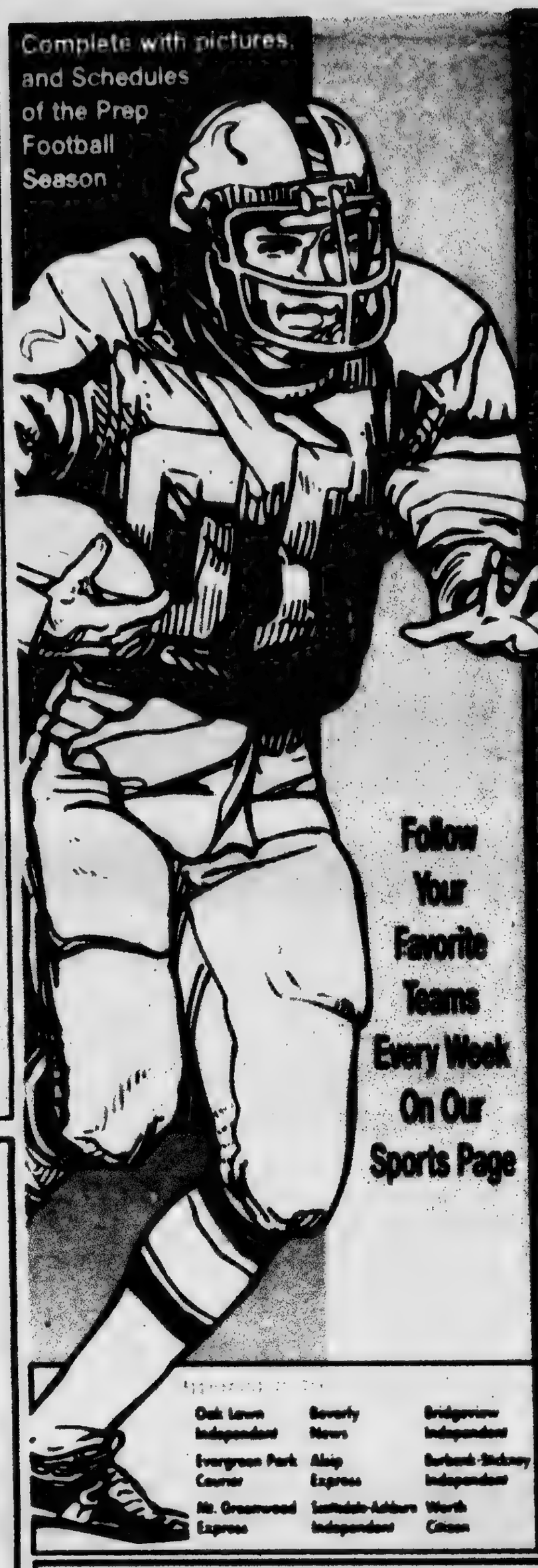


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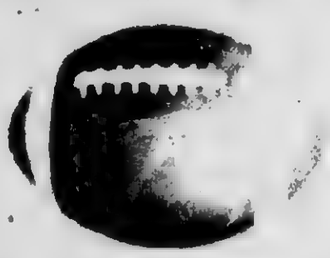

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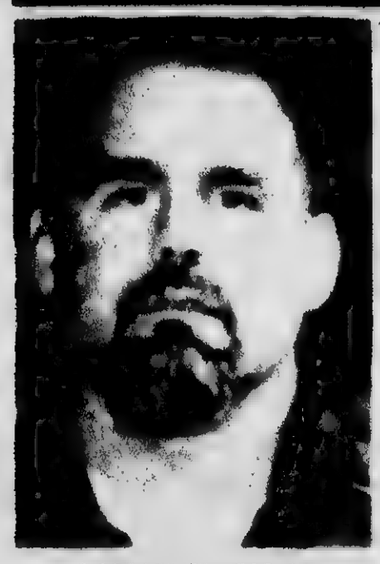

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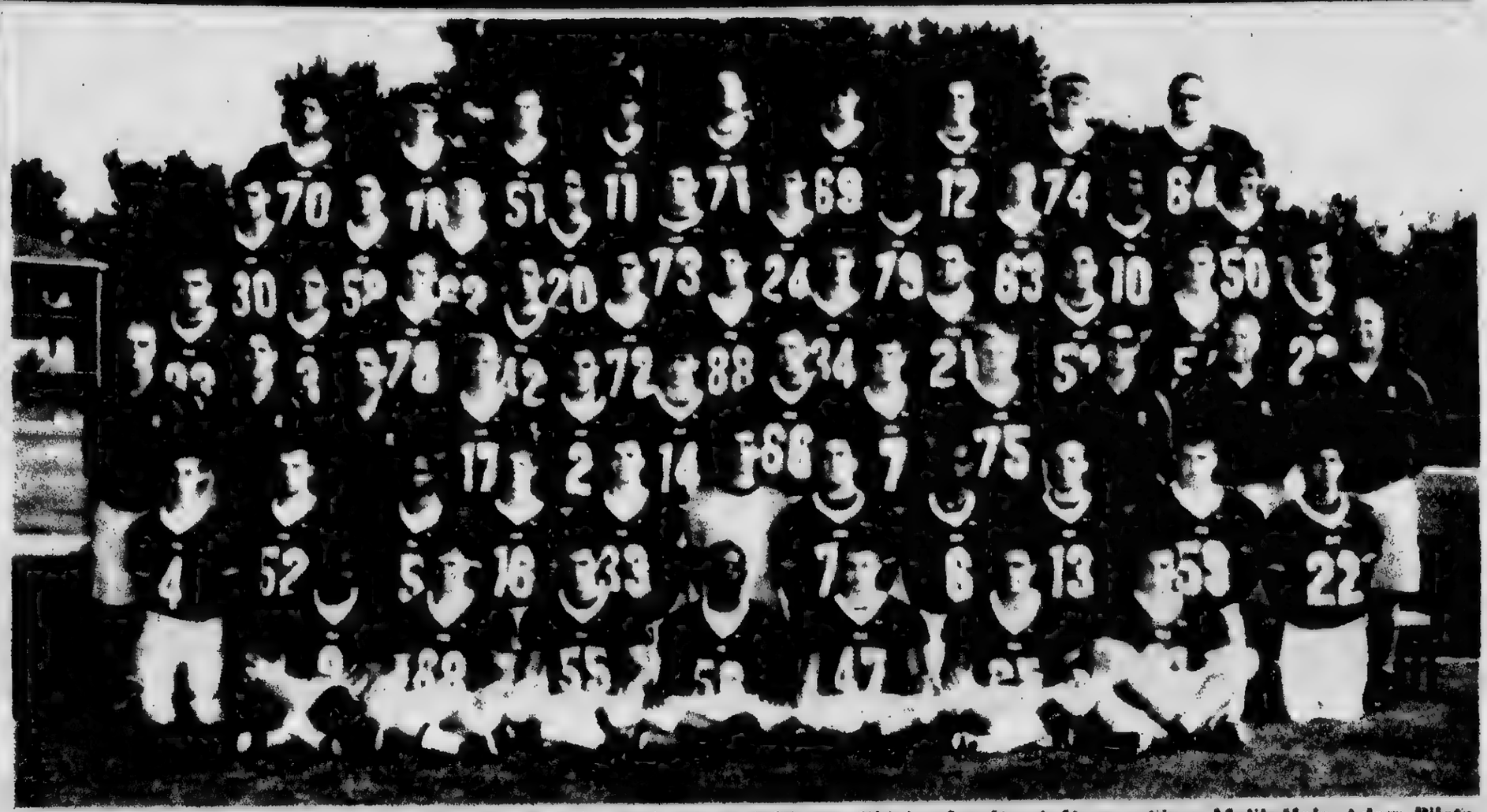

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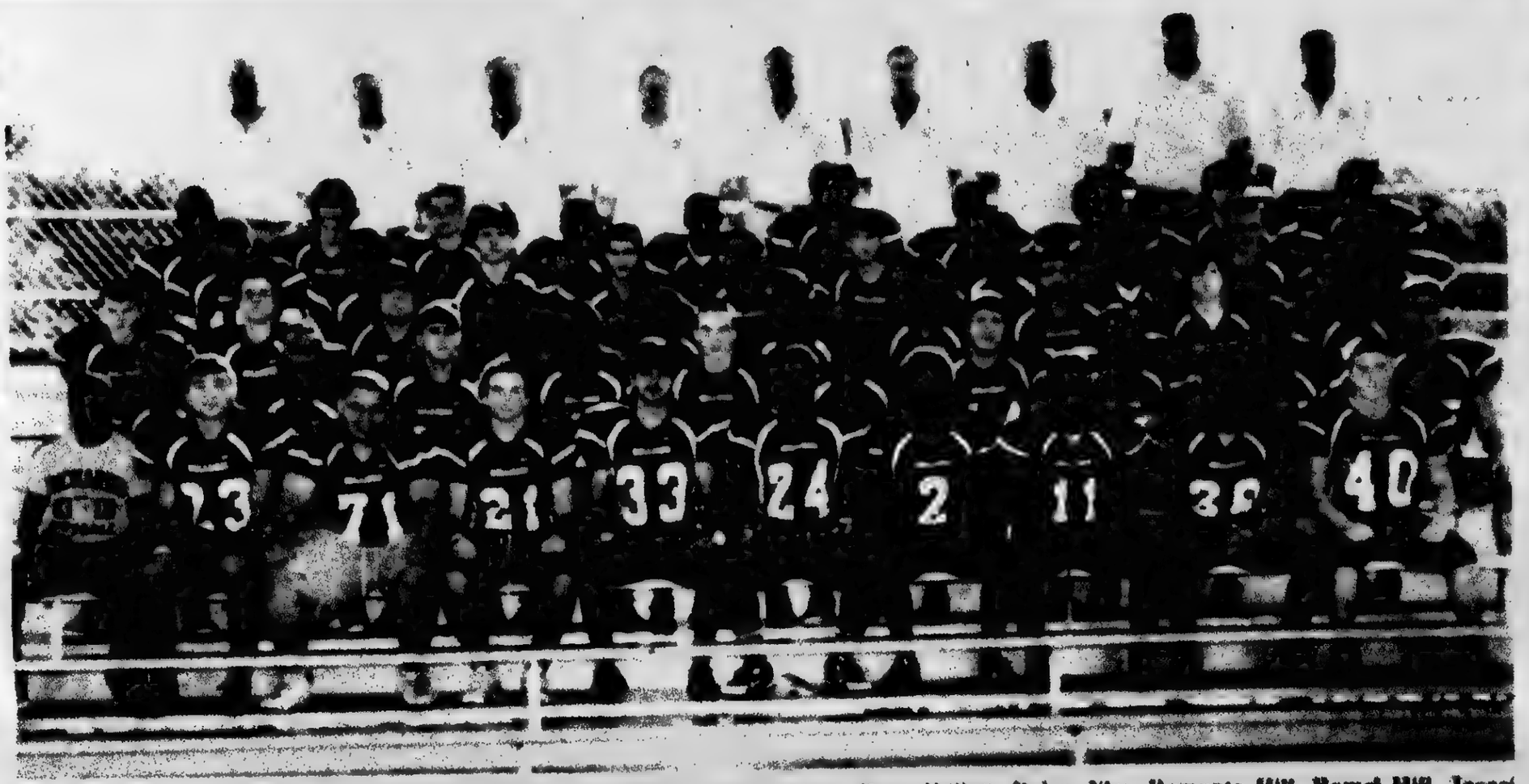

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The 2013 Evergreen Park Mustang Varsity Football Roster includes LaShon Johnson, Will Jones, Keyshawn Carpenter, Dan Kohler, Charles Taylor, James Jackson, Tim Walsh, Kerron Brown, Mike Rizzo, Isaac Matthews, Sean Ryan, Jonathan O'Brien, Nick Byrd, Brent Bogusz, Will Jasmont, Matt Schulte, Eric Currister, Jeremy Simpson, James Taylor, Danny Hines, Jacquet McClendon, Nick Fontaine, Antwan Moore, Ilias Sullivan, Don Oresky, Dan Oresky, Danny Hernandez, Kellin Sutton, Xavier Reyes, Zedrick Cobbs, Josh Lemus, Tremane Holt Jr., Brian Pall, Brennan Quick, Joe Piet, Nick Knieps, Frank Meisl, Darryl Ragsdale, Dave Ziebarth, Zach Rogers, Matt Pinkston, Vince Kempczynski, Chris Dampf, Alex Cheatham, and Desmond Watson.
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## EVERGREEN PARK REMAINING GAMES

**September**
13 Oak Lawn
Home 7:00 pm
20 Tinley Park
Away 7:00 pm
27 Richards
Away 7:00 pm

**October**
5 Argo
Away 1:00 pm
11 Eisenhower
Home 7:00 pm
18 Shepard
Home 7:00 pm
25 Reavis
Away 7:00 pm

# BREMEN BRAVES

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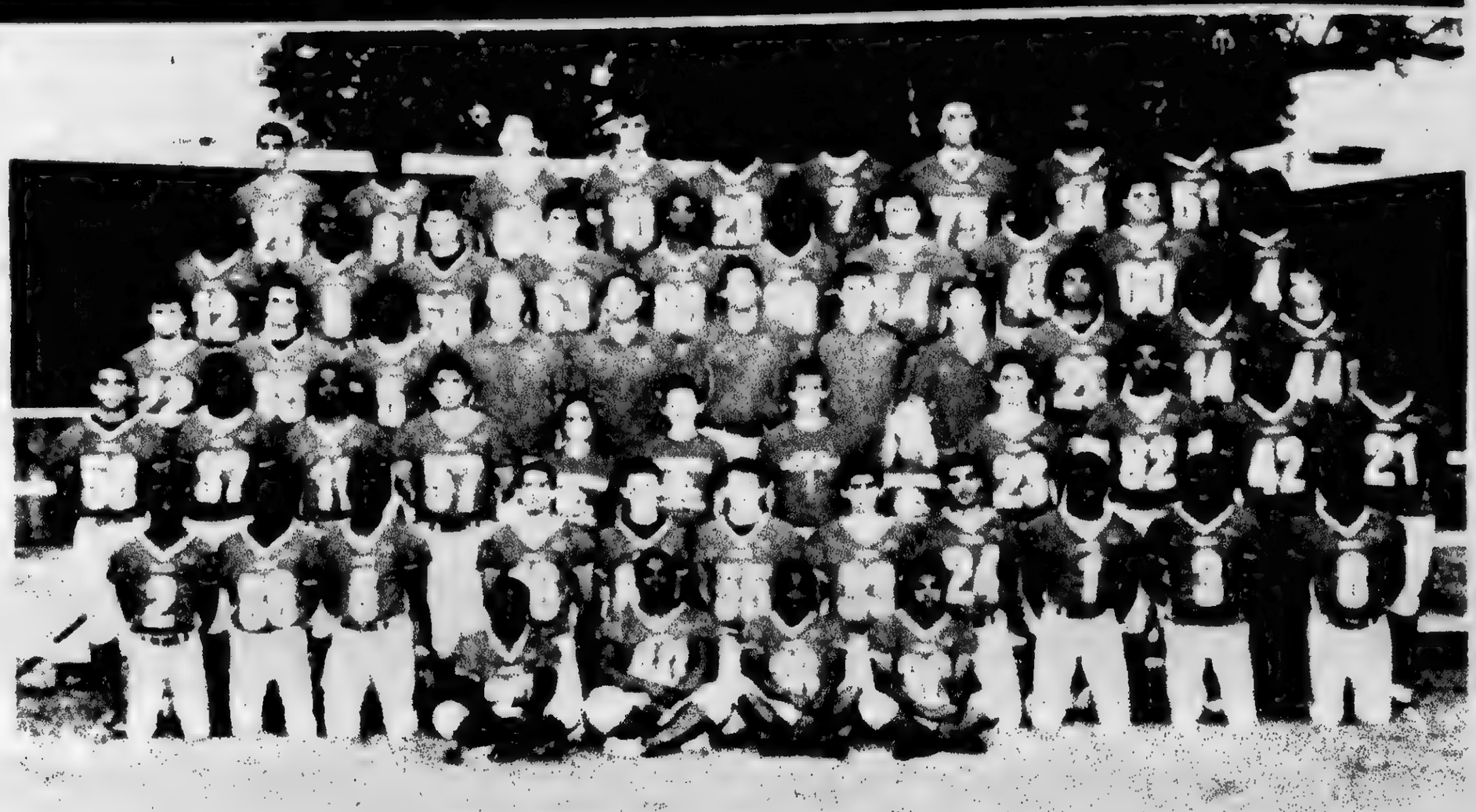

BREMEN

BRAVES

The 2013 Bremen Braves Varsity Football Roster includes Dijon Holmes, Louis Johnson, Earl D'Maury, D'arious Tolbert, Joe Taylor, Omar Braxton, Drequan Ross-Brown, Demetrious Bradley, Nick Connor, Tyler Banovich, Mack Holder, Chriscan Noble, Deshawn Noble, Carlos Rivera, Derrick Fields, Chris Thomas, Chris Nelson, Kyle Ramos, Richie Gutierrez, Reagan Battles, Christian Garza, Cory Conner, Jacob Forgue, Bryant Jackson, Joe Perez, Anthony weaver, Sean Grant, Marcus Lewis, Josh Jones, Martez Jackson, Joe Biesada, Ken Jones, Deanter Newell, Ryan Lynch, Mark Barr, Josh Rooney, Javier Soto, Jesus Benitez, CJ Misner, Jon Gonzalez, Devion Tolbert, Doug Bulow, TJ Walton, Tracvonne Lewis, Ronald Sims, Billy Burckman, Alexis Salas, Christian Parades, Corey Parham and Jataviar Williams.

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20 TF North
Away 6:45 pm

27 T.F. South (Homecoming)
Home 7:00 pm

**October**

4 Oak Forest
Away 7:00 pm

11 Hillcrest
Home 7:00 pm

18 Lemont
Home 7:00 pm

25 Oak Lawn
Home 7:00 p.m.

# SHEPARD ASTROS

DOMINIC PASSOLANO

SHEPARD

ASTROS

The 2013 Shepard Astros Varsity Football Roster includes Shane Javorski, Kyle Dye, Dylan Vitiello, Ramzi Berryhill, Jake Nelson, Keyon Lansdown, Khali Mitchell, Ej Rueck, Chris Bailey, Jabari Jones, Denzell Callion, Raphael Williams, Edgar Madrigal, Kamaree Marshall, Mark Albrecht, Jeff Taylor, D'Angelo Montgomery, Billy McCormick, Isaiah Lopez, Emmanuel Williams, D'Marcos Anderson, Kiante Pittman, Nick McGarty, Chase Koziol, Steven Roe, Luke Berrier, Mark Siegers, Shandon Williams, Chris Jones, Adan Frias, Jake Disbrow, Terence Jones, Romell Robinson, Kentrell Luckett, Alex Bruce, Colin Pfeiffer, Dan Lacey, Aidan Perches, Mateusz Perra, Bryan Milos, Andrew Landers, Josh Reynolds, Joe Smith, Wayne Palaszynski, Chris Goldschmidt, Mac Husein, John Mysliwiec, Marquee Porter, Jakari Murphy, Joshua Taylor, and Floyd Huddleston.

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**September**

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20 Richards
Home 7:00 pm

27 Reavis
Away 7:00 pm

**October**

4 Oak Lawn (Homecoming)
Home 7:00 pm

11 Oak Forest
Away 7:00 pm

18 Evergreen Park
Away 7:00 pm

25 Argo
Home 7:00 pm

# OAK LAWN SPARTANS

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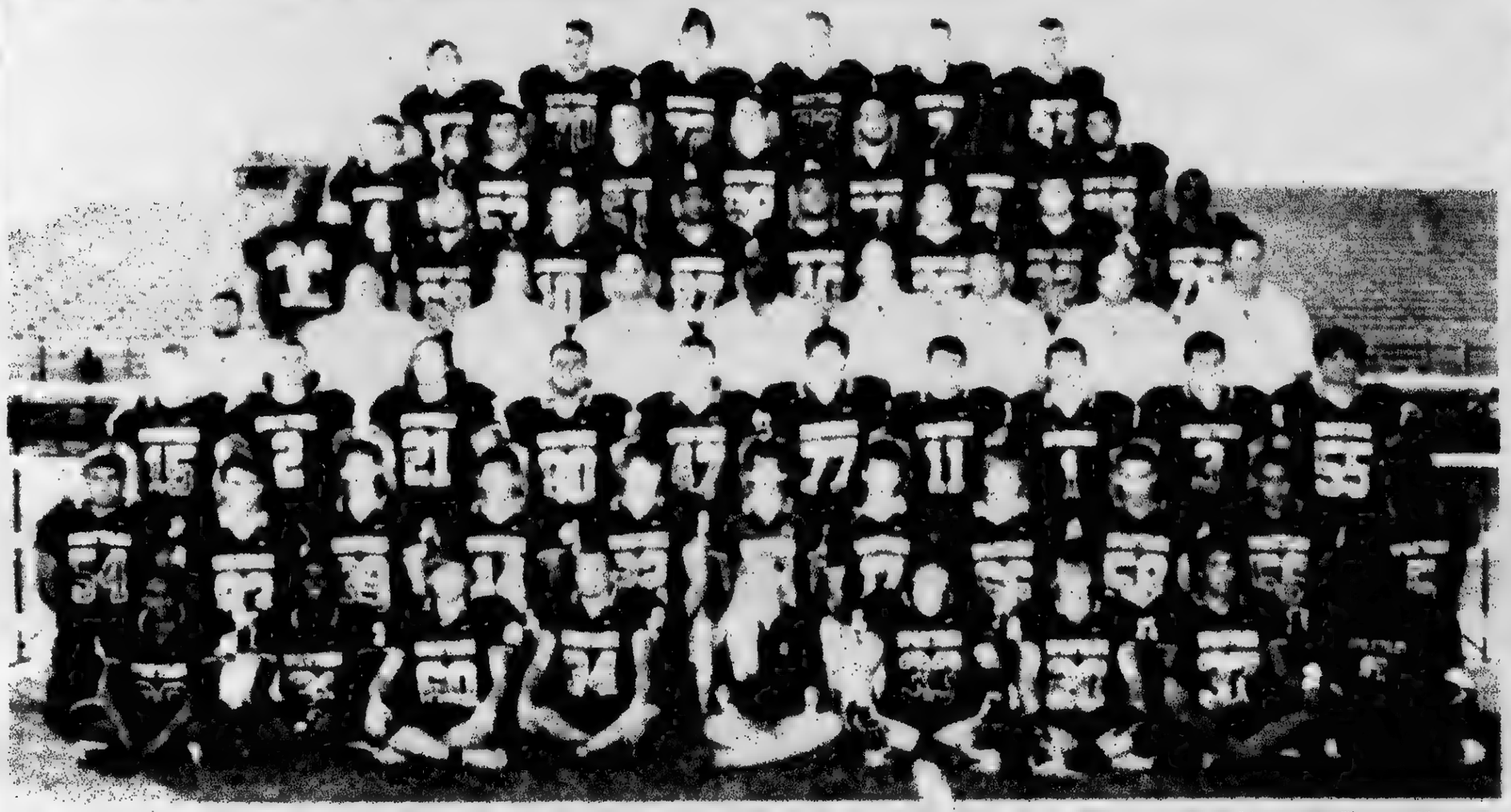

OAK LAWN

The 2013 Oak Lawn Varsity Football Roster includes Joe Robinson, Joe Cosenza, Joe Dodaro, Alex McCarthy, Ray Howard, Trevor Wagner, Kyle Hayes, Isiah Lindsey, Kyle Kuzur, Ryne Melnik, Konrad Lach, Kevin Zurek, Johnny Pilny, Scott Quinn, Peter Rusnac, Zach Rhoads, Khalid Norvell, Dave Scanlon, Kurt Kuzur, Ahmad Zain-Al Dean, Darius Gipson, Deonte Thomas, Eric Arreola, Tyler Loehr, Alex Gomez, Carlos Alvarado, Bill Noyes, Anthony Muro, Kamal Ashkar, Vincent Olejniczak, Adam Kallenborn, Dave Michaels, Kanan Mustafa, Sean Sweis, Ed Trybula, Ayman Bashir, Ahmad Eid, Jon Kaczmarek, Mike Pajor, Ricky Sotelo, Kyle Lavelle, Dave Novak, Nick Miele, David Judrh, Mitchell Gonsch, Chris Jackson, Dean Khater, Malek Alshaikh, Adam Ahmad, Joe Quigley, Dan Kaminski, Byron Dar and Gabe Maciasz.

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**September**
- 13 Evergreen Park — Away 7:00 pm
- 20 Argo — Home 7:00 pm
- 27 Eisenhower — Home 7:00 pm

**October**
- 4 Shepard — Away 7:00 pm
- 11 Reavis — Home 7:00 pm
- 18 Richards — Away 7:00 pm
- 25 Brenen — Away 7:00 pm

# ST. LAURENCE VIKINGS

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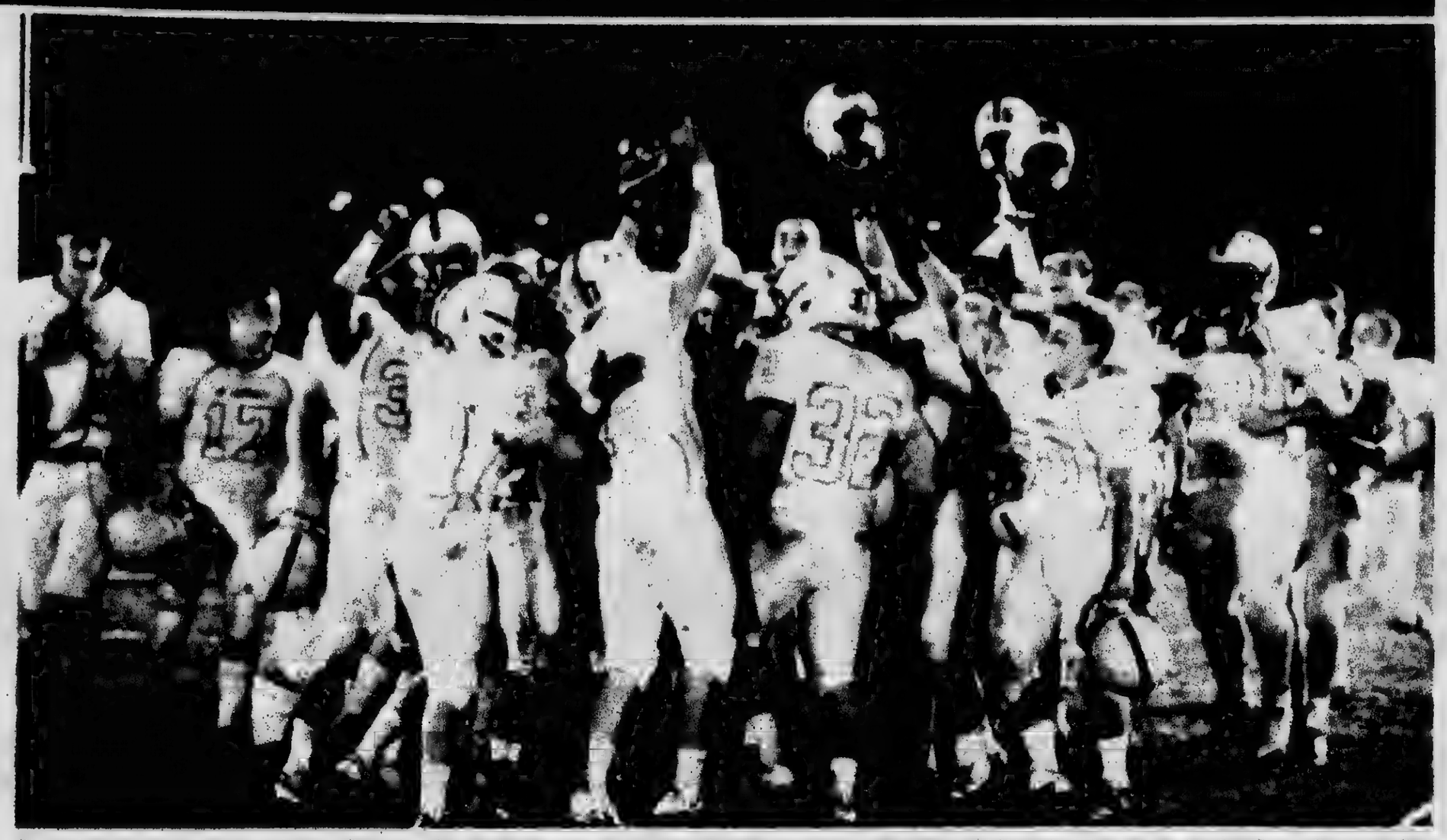

ST. LAURENCE

VIKINGS

The 2013 St. Laurence Vikings Varsity Football Roster includes Tyler Snee, Aaron Alfaro, Mike Fowler, Bob Kelly, Joey Garcia, Bill Novak, Vincent DiCato, Andy Gambon, Justin Booker, Jake Kolnink, Santo Munizzi, Mario Aranda, Joe Prudden, Mike Sterna, Eric Sadoski, Frank Miller, Julian Gonzales, John Toppa, Matt Gorgone, Tom Lyons, Sean Wedel, Joe Golf, Jon Golen, Jonathan Keefe, George Stec, Jake Karlicek, Marcin Murzydlo, Patrick McQuinn, Josh Griffin, Josh Smith, Steve Schultz, Frank Tomaskovic, Pat McQuinn, Chris Doherty, Michael Gonzales, Pete Kopacz, Cutler Sanders and Kevin Wierzgac.

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## ST. LAURENCE REMAINING GAMES

**September**

13 St. Rita
Away 7:30 pm

21 Lake Forest
Away 2:00 pm

27 Bishop McNamara
Away 7:30 pm

**October**

4 De La Salle
Home 7:30 p.m.

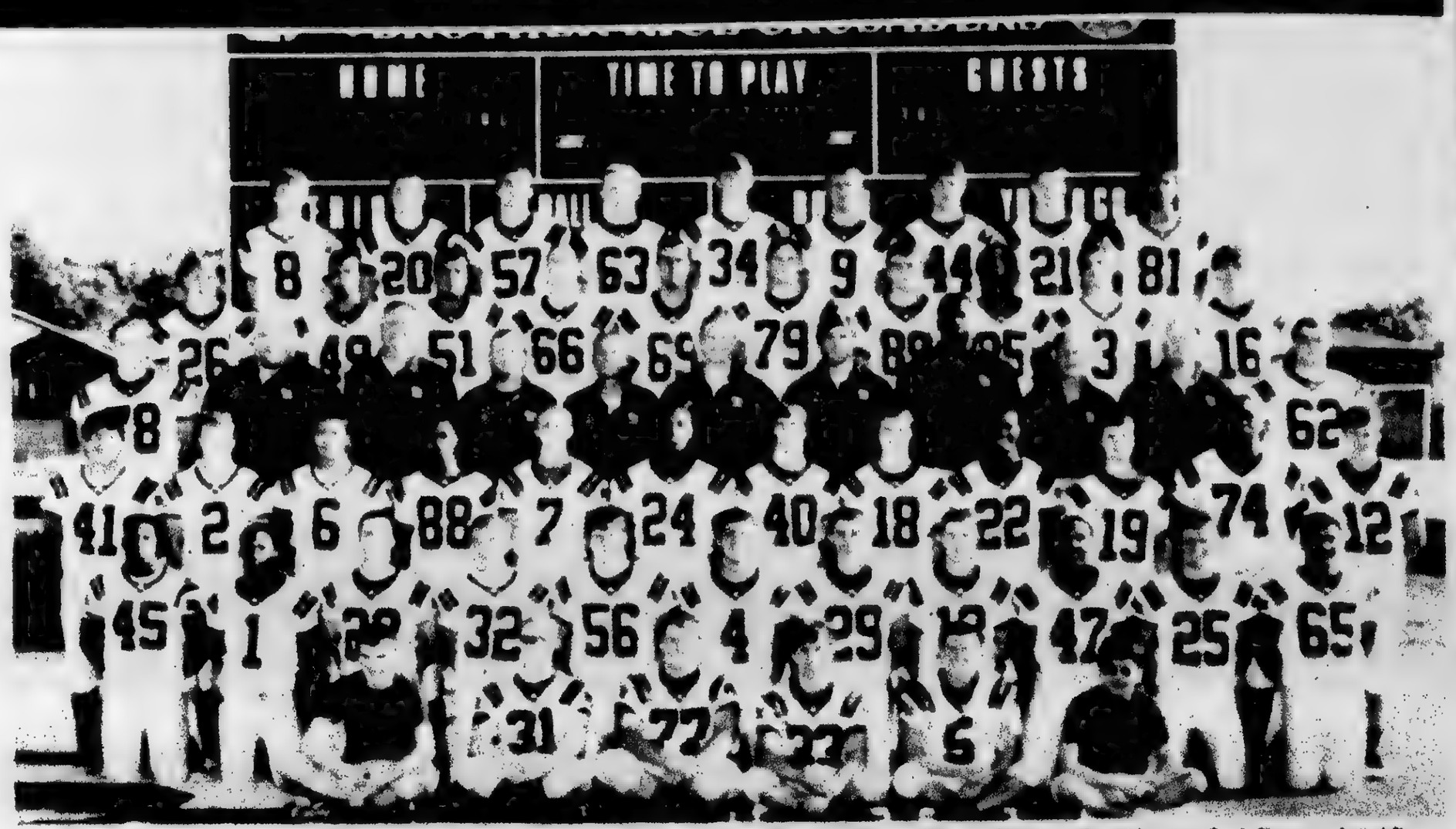
11 Mount Carmel
Home 7:30 pm

18 St. Ignatius
Home 7:30 pm

26 Fenwick
Away 1:00 p.m.

# BROTHER RICE CRUSADERS

BRIAN BADKE




BROTHER RICE

CRUSADERS

The 2013 Brother Rice Crusader Varsity Football Roster includes Marcus Jones, Bobby Sullivan, Jimmy Opeka, Alex Alarcon, Jack Desmond, Sal Perez, Jared Knightly, Joe Butler, Luke Mueller, Camron Miller, Tahj Silas, Billy Webber, Brendan Cuzzie, Alec Fidan, Zack Hayes, Kevin Whirty, Brian Kane, Kevin Furlong, Tom McKendry, Kenya Smith, Matt Cusack, Robert Woods, Erich Lorser, Brendan Ferguson, Julian Davis, Bryan Boyd, Greg Bernier, Sean Roland, Tommy Powell, Chris Grosskopf, Spencer Scott, Clifton Taylor, Andrew Dyke, Edgar Rubio, Jordan Boyd, Dan Scanlon, Eventreese Pierce, Max McCray, Nick Jorge, Mike McGinley, Jake Johnson, Dan Berry, Quinn McCarthy, Manuel Brava, Tom Healy, Matt Savage, Terrance Evans, Alex Negoski, Nick Corcoran, Patrick Hosty, Anthony Kudra, Ricky Smalling, James Smesler, Chris Razell, John Carpenter, and Rob Eber.

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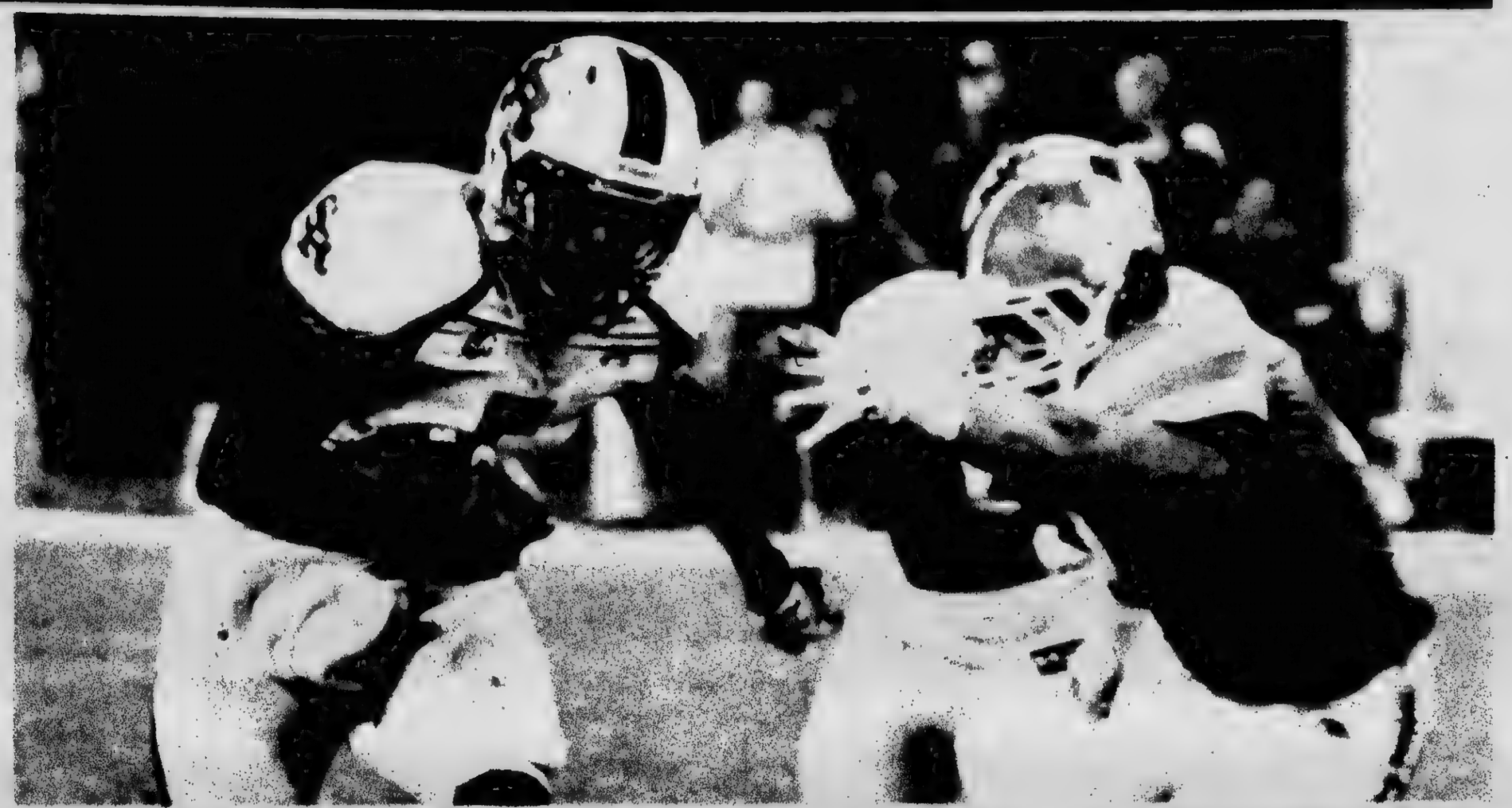
## BROTHER RICE REMAINING GAMES

**September**
- 13 Fenwick — Home 7:30 pm
- 20 Mt. Carmel — Away 7:30 pm
- 27 Loyola Academy — Home 7:30 pm

**October**
- 6 St. Joseph — Away 6:30 pm
- 11 Bishop McNamara — Away 7:30 pm
- 18St. Rita — Home 7:30 pm
- 25 Providence — Away 7:30 p.m.

# ST. RITA MUSTANGS

TODD KUSKA



ST. RITA

MUSTANGS

The 2013 St. Rita Mustangs Varsity Football Roster includes Xavier Allen, Jovaughn Sparks, Tyre Lee, John Ladd, Tommy Mister, Malik Space, CJ Weyderman, Martin Beckina, George Vanek Jr., Jack Dunaher, Christian McFarlane, Julian Crum, David Lorimer, Scott Procter, Thomas Rehfeld, Eric Walker, Brandon Gaston, Dion Bobo Jr., John Kelly, Ryan Price, DJ Miles, Thomas Brennan, Lamar Dawson, Gerald Whitaker, John Connolly, Brandon Williams, Neil Martyn, Jervonta Randle, Brett Rothman, Nick Goldsmith, Chuck Henricks, Daniel Gleaves, Gilberto Martinez, Jalen Crum, Griffin Lunny, Steven Abramowicz, Casey Cronin-Chavez, John Rehfeld, PJ Duffin, John Regan, Matthew Mitchell, Nick Filomena, Petr Duddleston, Kyle Breen, Ryan Kelly, Jeremy Johnson, Servando Duran, Keith Dejohnette, Michael Lurquin, Christian Campbell, Simon Flores, Jason Blazevic, Nicholas Vanderham, Louis Meany, James Drenovsky, Jake Augustyniak, Christopher Lynn, Enrique Palomo, Robert Pavesich, Tom Schofield, Terrance Roberts, Matthew Byrne, Sean Reilly, Jon Hollifield, Drieven Evans, Eamon Moran, Tyler Moran, David Landstrom, Anthony Damico, Nicolas Demma and Bailey Marth.
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## ST. RITA REMAINING GAMES

**September**

13 St. Laurence
Home 7:30 pm

21 Hales Franciscan
Away 6:30 pm

27 Mt. Carmel
Home 7:30 pm

**October**

4 Providence
Away 7:30 pm

11 St. Ignatius
Univ. of Chicago 7:30 pm

18 Brother Rice
Away 7:30 pm

25 Loyola Academy
Home 7:30 pm

# Tips For Avoiding Possible Exposure To Rabies

Cook County Department of Public Health officials remind residents that bats are active this time of year which means the possibility of exposure to rabies is increasing. Five bats have tested positive for rabies so far this year in suburban Cook County.

Rabies is a virus that affects the nervous system of humans and other mammals. A person may contract rabies through a bite, scratch, or saliva from an infected animal. A bat bite or scratch may not be seen or even felt by the injured person due to the small size of its teeth and claws. A potential rabies exposure should never be taken lightly. If untreated, rabies is fatal.

"If you find yourself in close proximity to a bat, dead or alive, do not touch, hit or destroy it and do not try and remove it from your home," said Cook County Department of Public Health chief operating officer Terry Mason, MD, FACS. "Call your local animal control office to collect the bat and call your healthcare provider or local public health department to report the exposure and determine if preventive treatment is needed. If the bat is available for testing and test results are negative, preventive treatment is not needed."

Animals do not have to be aggressive or behaving erratically to have rabies. Changes in any animal's normal behavior can be early signs of rabies. Bats on the ground, unable to fly, or those which are active during the day are more likely than others to be rabid. Such bats are often easily approached but should never be handled.

Recommendations to help prevent the spread of rabies:

- If a bat is in your home, do not release the bat outdoors until after speaking with animal control or public health officials. It may be possible to test the bat and avoid the need to receive rabies treatments.
- If you wake to a bat in the room you may need to be treated if the bat cannot be tested.
- Keep vaccinations up-to-date for all dogs, cats, ferrets and other animals you own. To find low cost Cook County clinics http://www.co.cook.il.us/portal/server.pt/community/animal_rabies_control/24/animal_rabies_control/home/496
- Seek immediate veterinary assistance for your pet if your pet is bitten by a wild animal or exposed to a bat.
- Call your local animal control office about removing stray animals in your neighborhood. Never adopt wild animals, bring them into your home, or try to nurse sick, wild animals to health.
- Do not touch, feed or unintentionally attract wild animals with open garbage cans or litter.
- Teach children never to handle unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic, even if they appear friendly.
- Maintain homes and other buildings so bats cannot get inside.
- Call your local animal control office to report a bat in your home or a dead bat on your property.
- Call the Cook County Department of Public Health at 708-633-4000 to report human exposure to a bat.

# OLCHS Welcomes New School Resource Officer

Oak Lawn Community High School is excited to announce the addition of a School Resource Officer, Peter Hennessy (pictured). Peter lives in Oak Lawn with his wife and three children and has been an Oak Lawn Policeman for fifteen years. During the last 13 years he spent the majority of his time as a Field Training Officer. His job was to teach new police officers how to take their police academy instruction and translate that into being a street cop.

Peter became associated with Oak Lawn Community High School several years ago when he began directing traffic on Southwest Highway each morning. When he heard there was an opening at the school for a School Resource Officer, he jumped at the opportunity. The current national trend is to put police in schools. It only makes sense that OLCHS should do the same. Peter's focus at the school is that of campus security. He is here to help the students, staff members, and visitors feel safe and would like to be a positive role model in the students' lives. Peter said, "I have found success in my career by treating people like people. Policemen usually encounter people at the worst times: victim of crime, in a car accident, getting a ticket, getting arrested. I have tried to keep that in mind and be empathetic, even as I placed handcuffs on someone. I've had many people thank me after I've arrested them! That always makes me chuckle."

According to Superintendent Dr. Michael Riordan, ensuring that students, staff, and visitors are safe and secure has been a goal for the Board of Education for several years and securing a full-time School Resource Officer is part of the district's ongoing efforts for a safe and supporting learning environment. During the past several years, the district has upgraded the security camera system, installed telephones in every classroom, constructed a secured visitor's entrance, and hired additional security personnel to monitor the campus. Riordan said, "School safety and security has always been a priority and will continue to be a priority. We have always provided a secure learning environment and our recent efforts are being implemented to bring our school safety up to 21st Century standards."

# Free Festival For Dogs & People

Join the Oak Lawn Park District for the Annual Woofstock Festival on Saturday, Sept. 14th, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Bailey's Crossing Dog Park, 9910 S. Melvina. This free event will include contests, a dog fashion show, doggie dashes, and vendor booths. Concessions will be available for purchase.

New this year, participants are encouraged to bring donations of dog treats, food, and toys to the event. Donations will then be distributed to local animal organizations in need.

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# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

The Village of Midlothian Veterans' Committee is hosting an informal session on the Illinois Welcome Home Heroes Program on Monday, Sept. 16th at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall Chambers, 14801 Pulaski Rd. in Midlothian. Keith Pryor, Assistant Director of Homeownership Programs of the Illinois Housing Development Authority, will speak about this program. All veterans and active military personnel are invited to attend to find out how this program could benefit you and your family.

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For more information, call Midlothian Village Trustee Karen Kren at (708) 389-0200 or (708) 687-7391.

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Jim Kruse, who said "Army and proud of it" and the folks at the Hickory Hills Community Center, 7800 W. 89th Place, will meet for their September Box Party on Tuesday, Sept. 17th from 6 to 7 p.m. to put together goodie boxes for our troops. Jim is inviting everyone to come and pack your support for our troops and enjoy the evening where you will meet some great people. The group meets every month. Jim also said they are in need of many items to include in the boxes to the troops. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. You can contact him at (630) 484-8867 or at jkruse@ameritech.net.

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Just a reminder: The Marine Corp League, Kevin Clarke Detachment #1212, will hold its 2nd Annual Jim 'Doc' Miles Charity Golf Outing on Saturday, Sept. 14th at the Odyssey Country Club, 19110 Ridgeland Ave. Shotgun start will be at noon with check-in at 11 a.m. A golf package is $80 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch and complimentary beverages on course, refreshments and pizza immediately following the "Sweet Spot." There will be prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin plus raffle prizes. The outing is open to all. For more information, call Jeff Ficaro at (312) 296-3646 or email ycr4hire@yahoo.com.

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The Plainfield Township Cemetery Association with the Philip H. Sheridan Camp of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) will conduct a dedication ceremony for eight new markers placed on the graves of Civil War veterans buried in the Cemetery. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28th at 10 a.m. at the Cemetery located at 15408 South Joliet Road, Plainfield, Il.

Local historians Caron Stillmunkes and Michael Lambert will discuss Plainfield's experience in the Civil War and Burrell Post #744 of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), Plainfield's Civil War Veterans organization. SUVCW National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski will provide an inspirational message. Civil War re-enactors from the 10th Illinois Infantry and the 8th Illinois Cavalry will join local Boy Scouts from Troops #83 and #91 in the Color Guard. A rifle salute will be provided by Plainfield's American Legion Marne Post #13 and a period artillery salute by Mulligan's Battery, SVR.

Nearly 90 Civil War veterans are buried at Plainfield Township Cemetery. Most of the graves are for men who served from the Plainfield area, including veterans of some notable units, including the 10th and 100th Illinois Infantries and the 8th Illinois Cavalry. Additionally, there are graves of a number of veterans from other states who migrated to and settled in Plainfield after the war.

For more information on the ceremony, contact Mr. Steven Westlake at westlakesteven@yahoo.com.

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Quote of the Week: We learn from experience that men never learn anything from experience. George Bernard Shaw.

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Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.

# *Father Perez Knights Present Scholarships*

**Father Perez Knights of Columbus Council #1444 presented a $1,000 scholarship each to Adeline McGuire from Queen of Martyrs Parish and John Gallagher of St. Linus Parish. The scholarships will help each with tuition during their freshman year at a Catholic parochial high school. Since 2000, the council has distributed $36,000 in scholarships to young men and women who have matriculated to a Catholic parochial high school.**

**Adeline graduated in the spring from E. H. Sutherland Elementary School and has begun her high school career at Mount Assisi Academy in Lamont. She plans to be very active in extracurricular activities by participating in dance, drama and math clubs, and in student council and serving as a student ambassador. Adeline dreams of being a lawyer who concentrates on special education law. She is the daughter of Dan and Jennifer McGuire.**

**John, the son of John and Ginny Gallagher, has followed his father's footsteps to Brother Rice. The St. Linus alumnus is serving as a football team manager, and is running cross country. He plans to play basketball during the winter sports season and run track in the spring. John is enrolled in mostly honors courses and is considering a career as a stock trader.**

**The two awardees earned the scholarship by outscoring 8 other recent elementary school graduates, two girls and four boys during an exam in the council's club house on May 19th. The exam was proctored by Past Grand Knight Jack Ulrich and Council Recorder Bob Szyman. Karen Lynch graded the exams.**

**Illinois State Knights of Columbus Council District Deputy Larry Jourdan praised 36 council members in attendance for the council's support of the community through its scholarship program.**

**Grand Knight John Donovan said, "The council is pleased to advance the cause of Catholic education by helping young people cover their tuition. We wish them the best of luck academically, socially, and spiritually as they enjoy their high school years. They are off to great starts."**

**Pictured, left to right are Dan McGuire, Adeline McGuire, Katey Gallagher, John Gallagher, Ginny Gallagher and John Gallagher.**

# Offer Small Business Marketing Classes Today

Moraine Valley Community College's Corporate, Community and Continuing Education department can help small businesses succeed by teaching the skills necessary to grow a business. These one-day small business marketing classes will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in Building M, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. The fee for each class is $50.

In the Strategic Development class, students will do preliminary research, idea generation, strategy overview, and class studies that will elevate skills and confidence. The class meets on Oct. 22 or 29.

Further those strategy skills in the Business Strategy & Marketing class on Oct. 29 or Nov. 12. The class includes a business concept discussion, strategy review, start-up vs. existing business plan development, and branding.

Improve skills in sales activity planning, sales performance improvement tools and business development, and learn through discussion of real business cases in the Marketing and Sales Strategy course offered on Nov. 12 or 14.

Participants in the Growth Planning course will learn about small business economics, business plan reviews, finance options, budgeting, and financial projections. This course is being offered on Nov. 14 or 19.

In the Business Presentations course, students will learn and review from a professional business management consultant and fellow business owners that have produced real results. The class is offered on Dec. 3.

Register today in person at the Registration Office, located in S125 on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-2110 (TTY for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Participants also can register online at *morainevalley.edu* by selecting "Register for Noncredit Classes" under Academic Focus and then "Search, register and pay for noncredit classes."

# September Is Library Card Sign-Up Month!

Visit the Oak Lawn Public Library today and find out just how valuable a library card can be for you and your family — just in time for back to school.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the Oak Lawn Public Library joins with the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide to make sure that students have the most important school supply of all — a free library card. This "Smartest Card" will save you and your family money since you can borrow rather than buy.

The Library is a community hub of activity with the newest and most popular titles and resources in its collection of books, eBooks and audio books; Blu-ray and DVDs (movies and TV series), and CDs. A library card grants access to all of the above.

Students and patrons can turn to the library for many programs and services, including a language learning program and plenty of databases and research resources.

The computer Center offers monthly classes and has 30 computers for public use. Free wireless internet access is available throughout the entire library.

For more information on how to sign up for a library card, visit the library, 94th and Raymond, in person or online at www.oaklawnlibrary.org. Cards are available to Oak Lawn residents of all ages at the Circulation Desk. Be sure to bring an ID and proof of address.

In September, kids 14 and under will receive a small prize when they show any valid library card at the Youth Services Desk. Teens over 14 and adults who register for a new card will receive a small treat.

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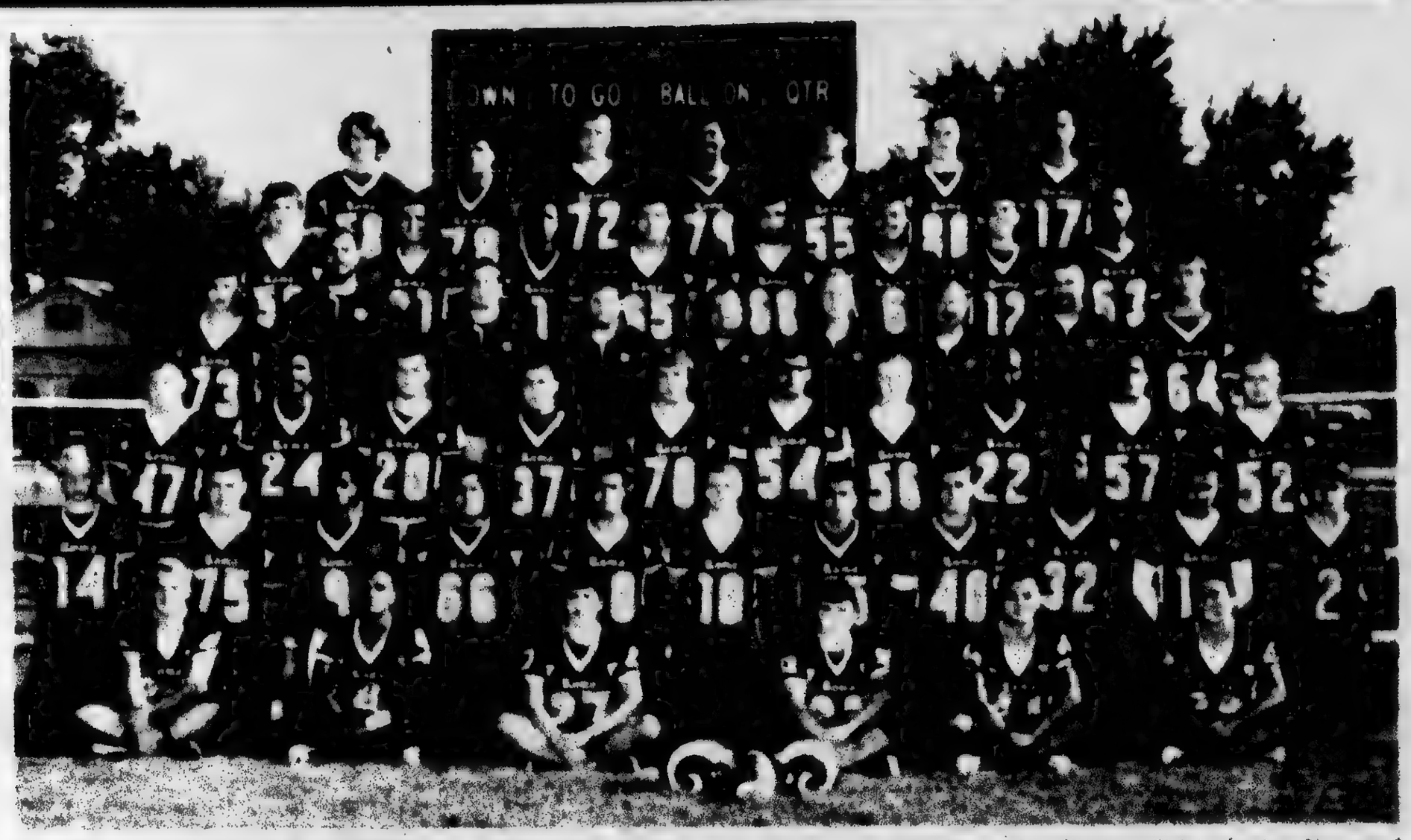
# REAVIS RAMS

TIM ZASADA




The 2013 Reavis Rams Varsity Football Roster includes Isiah Alpuche, Tyler Wetzel, Alexander Banos, Jose Romero, Calvin Jordan, Krzysztof Remiasz, Jacob Aguilar, Cody Karanosky, Anthony Dorman, Mohammad Samir, David Solus, Adam Ferrusquia, Khalid Smith, Travis Lisarowki, Freddy Mijarez, Andrez Moscato, Lari Robles, Robert Jadka, Bailey Davis, Matthew Kopp, Sukayb Diab, Daniel Herlihy and Rafal Slomba.

REAVIS

RAMS

Head Coach: Tim Zasada

**Good Luck & Continued Success To The Reavis Rams & St. Laurence Vikings**

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## REAVIS REMAINING GAMES

**September**

13 Argo
Away 7:00 pm

21 Eisenhower (Homecoming)
Home 1:00 pm

27 Shepard
Home 7:00 pm

**October**

4 Richards
Away 7:00 pm

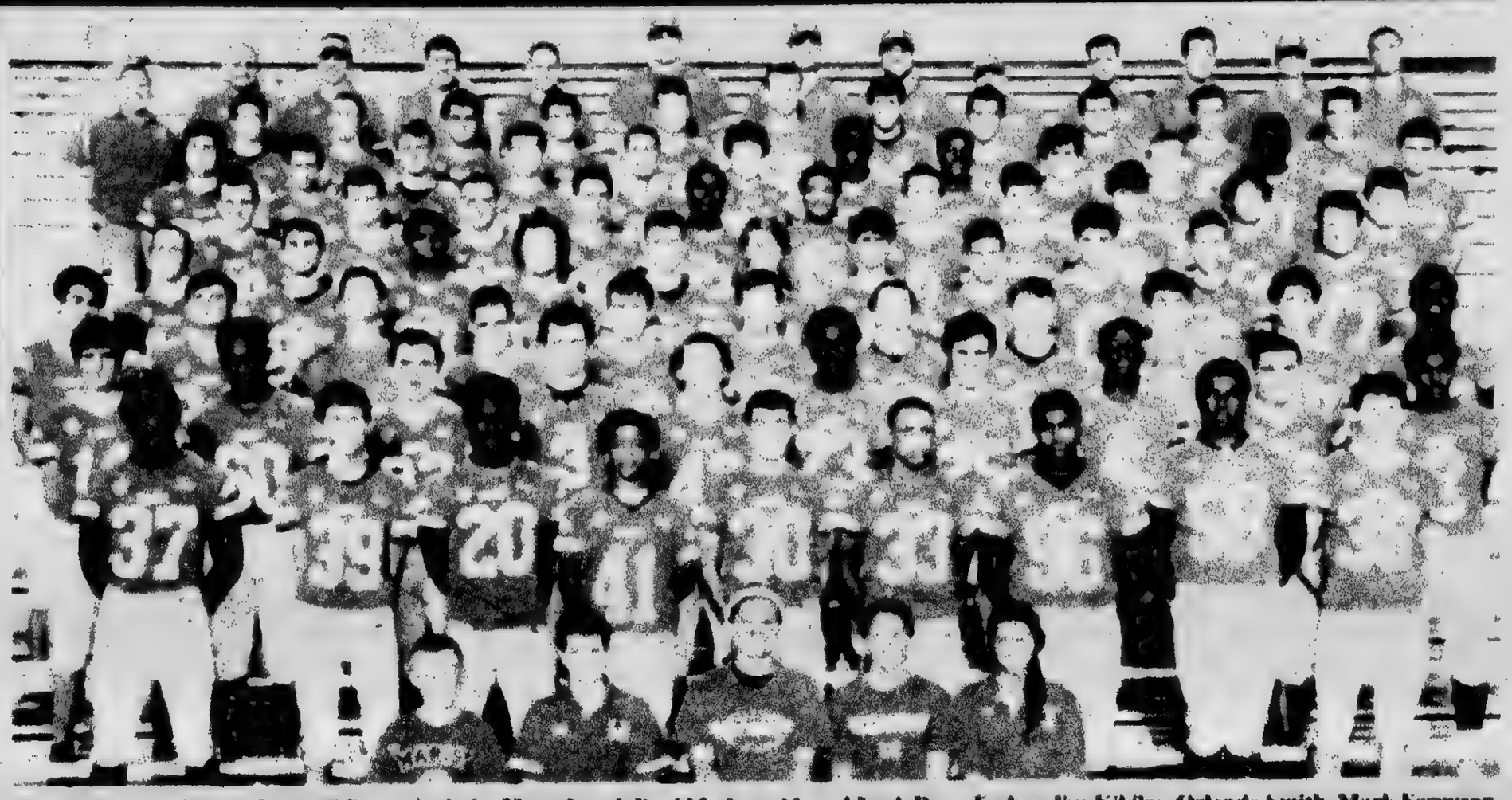
11 Oak Lawn
Away 7:00 pm

18 Hillcrest
Away 7:00 pm

25 Evergreen Park
Home 7:00 pm

# MARIST REDHAWKS

PAT DUNNE



MARIST

The 2013 Marist Varsity Football Roster includes Flynn Nagel, David Nelson, Ahmad Neal, Ryan Tucker, Jim Kikilas, Orlando Smith, Mark Ferguson, Brendan Skalitzky, Kyle Gambla, Isaiah Bickham, Kevin Burns, Jack Donegan, Marty Meyer, Cillian Hannon, Jawill Aldridge, Ryan Mishka, Victor Ogbebor, Justin Weaver, Jack Stanton, Peter Andreotti, NickyGasbarra, Tim O'Connell, Monte Proffit, Brian Neuman, Joe Schmidt, Neal Salzman, Barrett Callaghan, Jonathan Savage, Kenny Condon, Tom Pappas, Alex Bartolomei, Braxton Taylor, James Costin, Nick Reid, Brian Little, Sean McGuire, Marco Weidman, Marty Ryan, Aiden Murphy, Kevin Griffith, Tim Finucane, John Geary, Patrick McKevitt, Martin Black, Jack Hynes, Shawn Roberts, Sean Guinn, Jordan Hayden, Pat Sweeney, Mitch Schleyer, Dan Wollenbergm Jake Weisenflub, Mike Snooks, Pat O'Connor, Jack McHugh, Virgil Robertson, William Garretto Balmerm William Fugger, Matt Pikunas, Jake Ford, Jack Maida, Jerry Sherwood, Matt Kokaska, Dan Driscoll, Brian Holland, James Rodriguez, Erik Fit, Nic Weishar, Marcus Pitts, Anthony Toney, Adam Miller, David Korpics, Jeremiah Johnson, Steve Kamper, Matt Munro and Mike Wiser.

REDHAWKS

Head Coach: Pat Dunne

Kelly M. Burke

State Representative
36th District

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Marist RedHawks

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## MARIST REMAINING GAMES

**September**

13 Nazareth Acadent
Home 7:30 pm

20 St. Patrick
Away 7:30 pm

27 Joliet Catholic
Away 7:30 pm

**October**

4 Carmel
Home 7:30 pm

11 Notre Dame
Away 7:30 pm

18 Benet Academy
Home 7:30 pm

25 Moline
Away 7:00 pm

# ARGO ARGONAUTS

JIM INNIS

The 2013 Argo Argonauts Varsity Football Roster includes Dontal Johnson, Austin Weaver, Hector Vazquez, Corde O'Neal, D'Ken Jones, Robert Ruiz, Diamonte Mallory, Anthony Martinez, Drake Walker, Jason Noel, Paul Gal, Dalton Abernathy, Nick Brown, Brandon Wells, John Schultz, Darius Jiles, Danny Jiles, Kyle Dusk, Roscoe Robertson, Gerald Cruz, Emir Avani, Jerr Schaffer, Matt Wesolowski, Cosmo Halwis, Jay Hannah, Andres Ramirez, Patrick Budyn, Mohammad Abuzir, Jonathan Villar, Fabian Huerta, and Michal Dzierzega.

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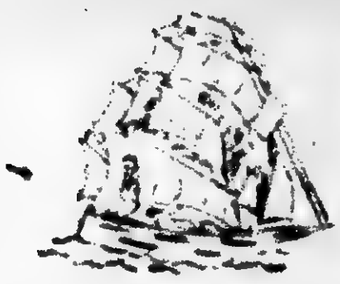

ARGONAUTS

Head Coach: Jim Innis

Best Wishes & Continued Success To The Argo Argonauts

And All Our Suburban Football Teams

Michael Zalewski

State Representative - 23rd District

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## ARGO REMAINING GAMES

**September**

13 Reavis
Away 7:00 pm

20 Oak Lawn
Home 7:00 pm

27 IF North
Away 6:45 pm

**October**

5 Evergreen Park
(Homecoming)
Home 1:00 pm

11 Richards (Senior Night)
Home 7:00 pm

18 Eisenhower
Away 7:00 pm

25 Shepard
Away 7:00 p.m

# OAK FOREST BENGALS

BRIAN M'DONOUGH

OAK FOREST BENGALS

The 2013 Oak Forest Bengal Varsity Football Roster includes Demetrius Graham, Alex McEvoy, Osama Osaghae, Dylan Gilbert, Nick Ciulla, Justin Dinsmore, Brian Swanson, Connor Rago, Andrew Naegele, Mike Walsh, Josh Morales, Anthony Bourne, Tommy Gattuso, Patrick Kristin, Basil Kawash, Devin Harvey, Robert McAuliffe, Ahmad Ashkar, Darius Rivera, Jake Olson, Brian Mittler, Joe Gale, Mousa Jodeh, James Crosetto, Joe Mueller, Matt Barry, Collin Sleeman, Geri Mallet, Mitch Statchulak, Ryheen Shanklin, Anthony Giuseffi, Jonathan Gale, Peter Young, Mike Kane, Javier Avila, Xavier Alfaro, Jim Hogan George Wasielewski, Alex Doehler, Billy Hults, Rob James, David Martinez, Dylan Freepartner, John Horan, Luke Taccola, Brandon Louis, Eddie Keating, Chris Santos, Rich Szabo, Mark Faltynek, Rick Shickel, Jake Perez and Nick Cazewski.

BENGALS

Head Coach: Brian McDonough


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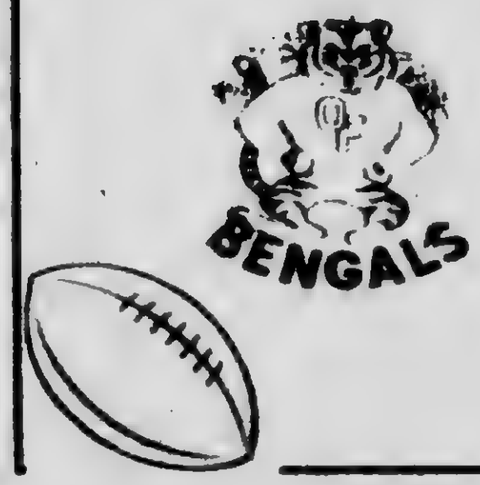
## OAK FOREST REMAINING GAMES

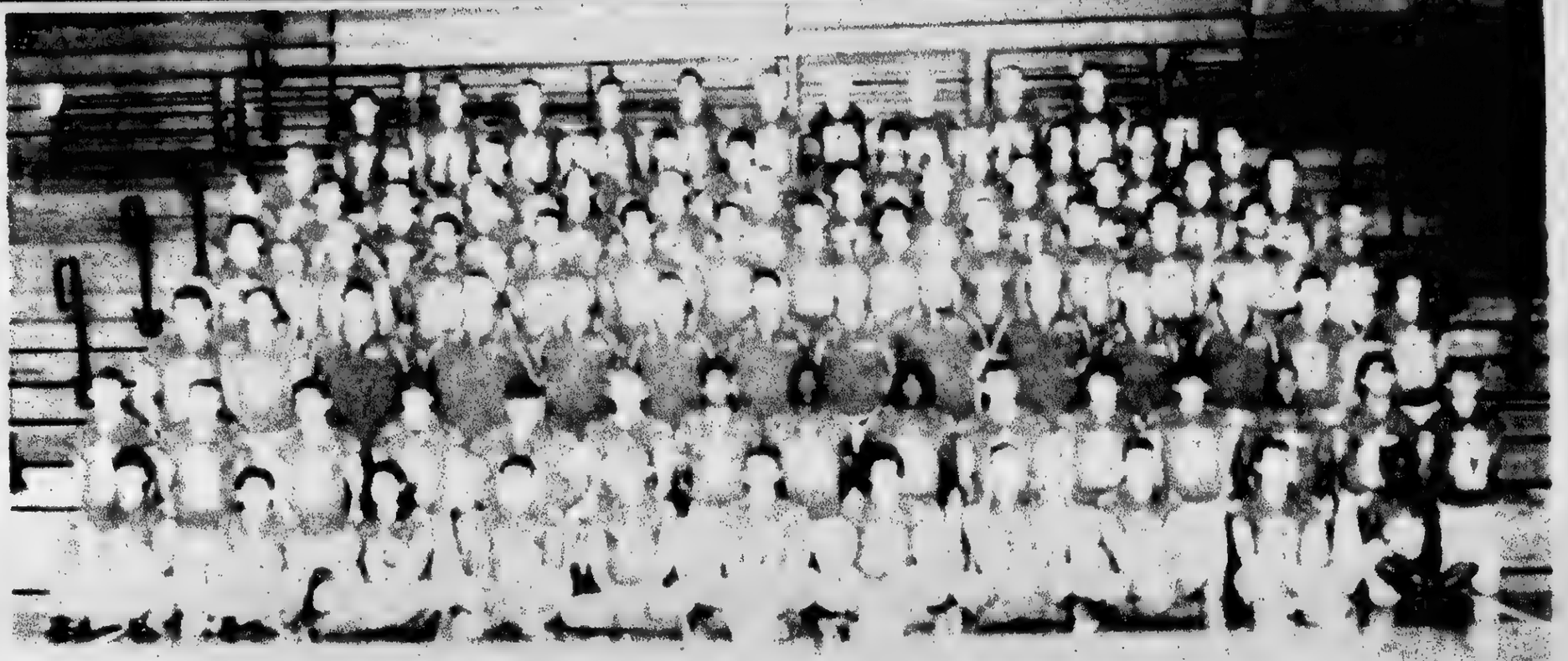
**September**
- 13 TF South — Home 7:00 pm
- 20 Lemont — Away 7:00 pm
- 27 Hillcrest (Homecoming) — Home 7:00 pm

**October**
- 4 Bremen — Home 7:00 pm
- 11 Shepard — Home 7:00 pm
- 18 Tinley Park — Away 7:00 pm
- 25 TF North — Away 6:45 pm



# SANDBURG EAGLES

DAVE WIERZAL



SANDBURG

EAGLES

The 2013 Sandburg Eagles Varsity Football Roster includes Lavelle Johnson, Aidan Muno-Kuhn, Pavlos Marudas, Bobby Krop, Erik Hammond, Dennis Bresingham, Julian Gutierrez, Shawn McHale, David Cantillon, Marty Micek, Brian Langowski, Sean Leland, Zac Zavod, Alante Walker, James Krejci, Jonathan Milazzo, Jake Lettiere, Nick Chichi, Zach Harris, Mike Saylors, Cody Cummings, Ricky Klein, Moe Shaaibi, Dan Trentacoste, Paul Chmura, Wasim Mohammad, Adam Nash, Jamonte Brown, Rick Sisco, Nick Budick, Mike Howard, Graham Hevel, Bilal Judeh, Jim Robley, Shawn O'Brien, Zachary Murphy, Christian Rodriguez, Jason Enguita, Joe Dyer, Tony Lauriello, Ryan Parthemore, Joey Parrish, Brett Reid, Ryan Galvan, Alex Egan, Austin Crisanti and Louis Paleothodros, Casey Heaney, Islam Mohamed, Corey Lunak, Tarek Amro, Cooper Framke, Joel Webber, Ryan Brown, Cal Smith, Pat Torpy, Devan Stanso, Brian Iobin, Matt Frostman, Brandon Cortez, Justin Lenczycki, Azzam Abushakra, Jon Doyle, Liam Gallaher, Brandon Lettiere, Logan Burnson, Yanni Demogerontas, Matt Hoston, Joseph Kettman, Rasheed Carney, Tommy Carver, Tomas Soto, Alex Cieszynski, Louis Harrison, Tyrece Strickland, Adam Valiga, Joey Hatzell, Guy Cesario, Roman, Duran, Riley Tyvers, Kevin Trokey, Peter Rodriguez, Motaz Abderrhman, Ameen Aliek, Matt Taylor, Jim Robley, Rasheed Carney, Josh Guerra, Praveen Thinakaran, Adam Valiga, Peter Rodriguez, Erik Hammond, Jonathan Milazzo and Matt Taylor

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13 Lockport
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21 Joliet West
Away 12:00 pm

27 Joliet Central
(Homecoming)
Home 7:15 pm

**October**

4 Homewood-Flossmoor
Home 7:00 pm

11 Lincoln-Way
East Away 7:30 pm

18 Stagg
Home 7:15 pm

25 Bolingbrook
Home 7:15 pm

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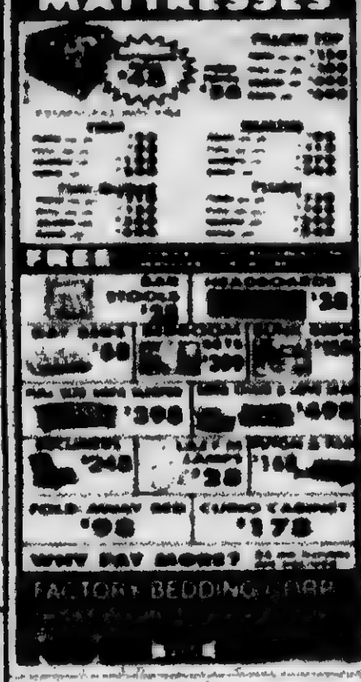


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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 7, 2012, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation will at 10:30 AM on October 9, 2013, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 3900 WEST 88TH PLACE, OAK LAWN, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-15-213-026-0000. The real estate is improved with a single family two story brick house with an attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Katherine Betson**

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Thursday, with interment at Skyline Memorial Park Cemetery for Katherine Betson, 95. She was the wife of the late Richard.

She is survived by her children Dorothy (Gene) Hultman and Sharon (Jim) Bakker, seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

**Michael A. Castine**

A Visitation and Memorial Service will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, 4200 W. 147th Street, Midlothian, on Saturday, Sept. 14, for Michael A. Castine, late of Midlothian. He was a former employee of Ruddy Insulation Co.

He is survived by his father Richard, his sister Heather Hill and his brother Richard.

**Kathleen Cummings**

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, for Kathleen Cummings.

She is survived by her children Jennifer and Michael and her brothers George (Rosemary), Michael and Andrew (Wanda) Nelson.

**Jennifer L. DeSantiago**

Mass was said at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, on Wednesday, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Jennifer L. DeSantiago.

She is survived by her husband Jose J., her children Leo, Oliver and Tristan, her parents Gary and Diane Bukovsky, her sister Joanna (Matt) Riley and her grandmother Marion Herbold.

**Brian A. Elsinga**

Services were held at the Tinley Park Reformed Church, Tinley Park, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South, for Brian A. Elsinga, 31. He was a crane operator with Operating Engineers Local 150.

He is survived by his parents Robert and Debra, his brothers Robert Jr. (Tina) Elsinga and Michael (Angela) Parent and many nieces and nephews.

**Paul J. Gumber**

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Paul J. Gumber. He was the husband of the late Eileen J.

He is survived by his children Larry (Kimberly) Gumber, Linda Gumber and Christine Kush, seven grandchildren, his sisters Ann Lynch, Joan Dina and Catherine (Lester) Schaeffer and his brother Richard Gumber.

**Mary Helen Kaesberg**

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Wednesday, with a private interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary Helen Kaesberg. She was the wife of the late George Kaesberg and the mother of the late Sandra J. Lewis. She was a member of the Jim Beam Bottle Club.

She is survived by her sister Esther Stratton and her brother Al (Rita) Burke.

**Shirley M. Morrissey**

Services were held at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Shirley M. Morrissey. She was the wife of the late John.

She is survived by her children Patricia (Kenneth) Harthun, Mary (Michael) Kochanny and two grandchildren.

**Chris Reynoso**

Mass was said at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Chicago, on Friday with a private interment, for Chris Reynoso.

He is survived by his wife Ellen, his children Tony, Ben, Ashley, Jillian and Grace, fourteen siblings and his parents Amado Renoso and Diane O'Keefe-Dunne.


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## *Junior Katelyn Sullivan And Her Dedication To JDRF*

**Diagnosed as a diabetic in second grade, Richards junior Katelyn Sullivan has been told what she can't do more than a few times.**

**As it happens, she does not listen well.**

**"I've had coaches who wouldn't let me work out. And I've had teachers who would not let me participate in certain activities. But I can do anything. Nothing's going to hold me back," said Sullivan, who starts for the volleyball team.**

**Indeed, it seems that attitude and spirit course through Sullivan's family and friends as well. After the diagnosis, they created a team for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund event at MVCC.**

**"It's been pretty amazing to feel so much support. We have such a dedicated team," Sullivan said.**

**In just a few years, Katelyn's team hav generated more than $40,000. And when her teammates learned of the project this year they wanted to help, too.**

**You can support them. The JDFR walk is Oct. 6. To give, go to www.walk.jdrf.org and type in Katelyns Crusaders as the team name. Her page will appear.**

**Richards High School junior Katelyn Sullivan (front and center in the Notre Dame shirt) and her teammates will walk for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund on Oct. 6.**

## Laughter Luncheon At The Center

Laughing will be featured at a luncheon program on Tuesday, Sept. 24, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park.

Laughter leader Kathy O'Brien will bring laughter and discuss its benefits. She is not a stand-up comedian. She does not tell jokes. She talks about how laughter strengthens the immune system, reduces stress and anxiety, alleviates pain, and helps people get along better. And then she invites her audience to laugh, starting with a simple "ha-ha," and soon the group finds itself belly-laughing hilariously. O'Brien is an R.N. and a Certified Laughter Leader who loves to help people to laugh.

The Sept. 24 luncheon begins at 12 noon, cost $17 per person, and requires advance reservations. For further information, interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-4650.

## Celebrate Anniversary

The congregation of Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ will celebrate the 35th anniversary of Pastor Peggy McLanahan's Ordination on Sunday, Sept. 29th. The celebration begins at the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service being led by the current and past Moderators of the Church. Special music is also being planned for the Service. Following Worship, a pot-luck luncheon will be held in Colonial Hall. Pilgrim Faith is located at 9411 S. 51st Ave. in Oak Lawn.

For further information, call Kathy Faulkner at (708) 925-9552 or email her at kathy81@gmail.com

## Fall Job & Internship Fair

Students, alumni and community members who are looking for hourly or salary jobs or paid or non-paid internships can network with quality employers that have job openings at Moraine Valley Community College's fall Job and Internship Fair on Thursday, Sept. 26th from 2 to 5 p.m. The free fair will be in the Moraine Business and Conference Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

Professional business attire and resumes are required for entry. Registration is not required. A complete list of companies expected to attend the fair and additional information can be found at *morainevalley.edu/jobfair* or by calling the Job Resource Center at (708) 974-5737.

## Bridge Work To Close Part Of Rock Island

The Rock Island Line will be closed north of the Gresham Station on two Sundays, Sept. 22nd and Oct. 6th, and there will be no service to and from the LaSalle Street and 35th Street stations during the shutdowns. Access to and from downtown will be provided via a transfer to extra Metra Electric Line service at Blue Island Vermont Street.

Passengers south of Blue Island who are traveling downtown can take inbound Rock Island trains to Blue Island and transfer to the Metra Electric Line's Blue Island branch, where special trains will take them inbound to the 18th St., Museum Campus, Van Buren and Millennium stations. The special Metra Electric trains also will make the reverse trip to Blue Island from Millennium Station.

Passengers north of Blue Island – those who normally board at Gresham or at stations along the Rock Island's Beverly branch – can travel downtown by riding outbound Rock Island trains south to Blue Island and transferring to the special inbound Metra Electric trains north to Millennium. They will have to make the reverse trip on the special outbound Metra Electric trains to Blue Island and then on regular inbound Rock Island Beverly branch trains north to their destination.

For a full schedule for these two Sundays, and more information, go to www.metrarail.com.

Regular Sunday service on the Rock Island Line will resume with the 6:25 p.m. departure from Joliet, arriving at LaSalle Street at 7:49 p.m., and the 6:30 p.m. departure from LaSalle Street, arriving in Joliet at 7:55 p.m.

About 1,800 inbound passengers and about 1,900 outbound passengers normally ride on the affected Sunday trains on the Rock Island Line. Metra apologizes for the inconvenience but it was determined the temporary closures were the best option for carrying out the work.

The two bridges at 60th and 66th streets are being removed and the viaducts filled in as part of the Englewood flyover bridge project. The flyover is a new bridge that will carry the Metra Rock Island tracks over a set of tracks used by Amtrak and freight trains at 63rd and State, eliminating conflicts between trains and cutting pollution and noise from idling trains. Closing the streets and filling the viaducts provided design flexibility and cost savings compared to replacing the viaduct structures on the new track work alignments.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 21 – Saturday – Outdoor Flea Market & Bake Sale, Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 Ridgeland Ave., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 24 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 24 – Tuesday – Village Hall Open to 8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 25 – Wednesday – Farmers Market, Dunke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday.)

SEPTEMBER 25 – Wednesday – Green Team Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 25 – Wednesday – Public Works Committee, Municipal Center, Conference Room A, 9446 Raymond Ave., 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 26 – Thursday – OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

SEPTEMBER 26 – Thursday – Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 26 – Thursday – Worth Township Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 1 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 8:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 2 – Wednesday – Farmers Market, Dunke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday through Oct. 16.)

OCTOBER 2 – Wednesday – Rules of the Road Driving Classes (free), Worth Township Seniors, 11601 Pulaski Road, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

OCTOBER 2 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 3 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 3 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center Auditorium, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 4 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 12:30 p.m.

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# Health & Nutrition

Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

### AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES: THE BODY IN TURMOIL

The immune system is a network of cells and parts of cells throughout the body which helps defend your body against outside threats like infections. When someone has an autoimmune disease, the immune system attacks healthy cells in the body as if they were outside threats, and throws the body into a state of "turmoil". There are many kinds of autoimmune diseases, and they affect different regions of the body. For example, in rheumatoid arthritis, the immune system usually attacks the joints, and in Crohn's disease, the immune system attacks the intestines.

Autoimmune diseases are commonly diagnosed between 30 and 50 years old, and may be related to viruses or bacteria that you come into contact with in your life. Scientists also suspect that hormones can play a part. Autoimmune diseases can affect people of all races and ethnic groups.

***Inflammation: The Normal Immune Response***

Inflammation of an affected area of the body means that it will get warm, red, swollen, and painful. This is the immune system's normal response to an outside threat like a virus, and happens when an army of immune cells and body chemicals rushes to the part of the body being affected to fight the threat. In most cases, the immune system turns inflammation off when the job is done, and the swelling, pain, and other symptoms go away.

***Inflammation in Autoimmune Disease***

In autoimmune disease, when the immune system attacks your own body, it sets off the usual pattern of swelling and pain. But there is no outside threat that it will go away in time, and the swelling and other symptoms won't go away either.

Some examples of autoimmune diseases include:

Rheumatoid arthritis
Crohn's disease
Multiple sclerosis
Sjogrens disease
Lupus

In the past twenty years, wonderful treatments have become available for autoimmune illnesses. In many cases, medical treatments can control symptoms and stop disease advancement in its tracks. A rheumatologist is most knowledgeable in autoimmune disease diagnosis and management and is therefore best fit to keep close track of your symptoms with you.

Autoimmune diseases are lifelong, and may cause serious damage to your joints and other parts of your body if not managed properly. Infections of all sorts, lung disease, heart disease, and osteoporosis are just a few problems you can encounter along the way. Golf champion Phil Mickelson is just one example of a success story in autoimmune disease treatment, because he sought care from a rheumatologist early on, was diagnosed with psoriatic arthritis, and started on a new, state-of-the-art medication which has put him back on his feet. The key is working closely with your rheumatologist, and finding ways to manage your disease that are successful and right for your comfort level.

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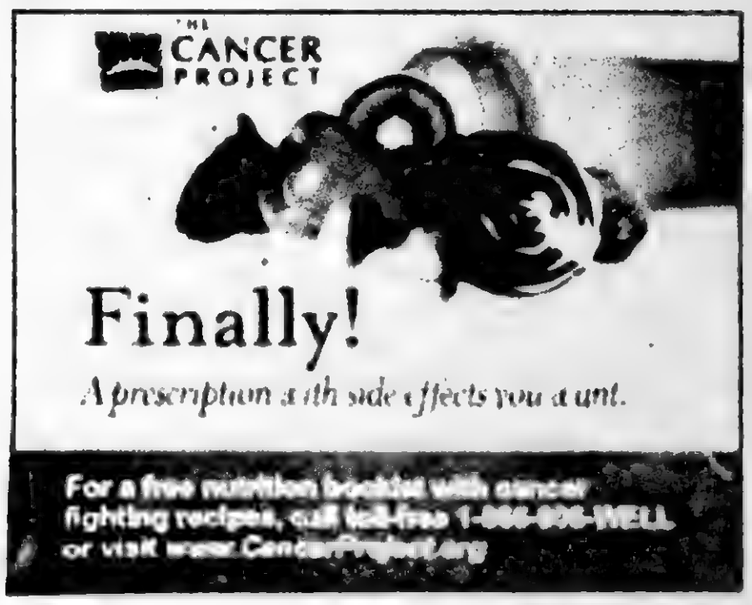



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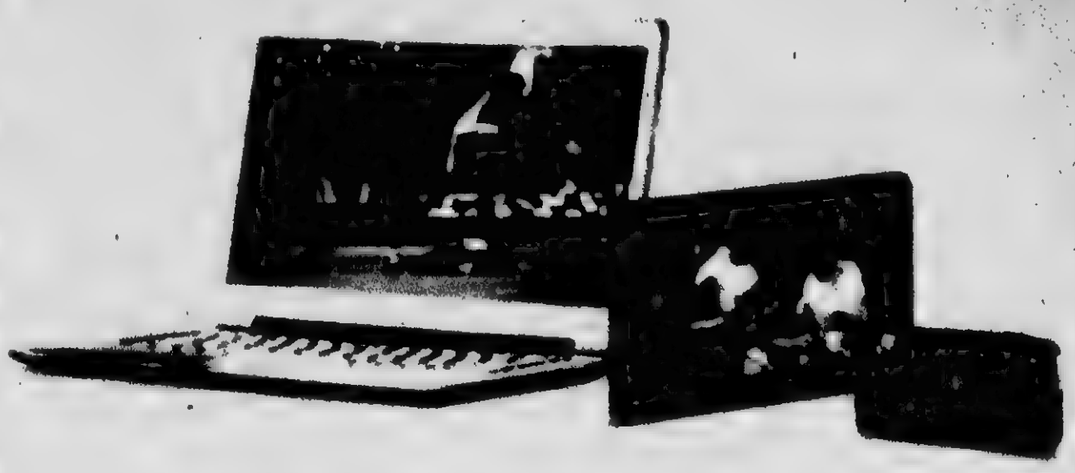

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# First West Nile Virus Related Death Reported In Illinois

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is reporting the first death of a person with West Nile virus in Illinois for 2013. An elderly Logan County resident became ill with West Nile virus in mid-August and has died.

The first human case of West Nile virus also was reported in Southern Illinois. The Jefferson County Health Department confirmed a teen tested positive for West Nile Virus after becoming ill in mid-August.

"The first West Nile virus related death this year occurred later than we typically see," said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck. "Even with the cooler temperatures, until the first hard freeze, you still need to protect yourself against mosquito bites and possible West Nile virus infection."

The Macon County Health Department is reporting a private laboratory confirmed the West Nile virus related death. IDPH is still conducting West Nile virus confirmatory testing for this case.

To date, West Nile virus positive birds, mosquitoes and/or human cases have been reported in 57 counties. The first human case this year was reported on Wednesday, Aug. 21st in a McHenry County woman in her 50s. Last year the first death was reported Aug. 20, 2012.

For the 2012 season, IDPH reported the second highest number of West Nile virus human cases in state history with 290 residents and 12 deaths. So far this year, nine human cases have been reported.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird. Common West Nile virus symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks. However, four out of five people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms. In rare cases, severe illness including meningitis or encephalitis, or even death, can occur. People older than 50 are at higher risk for severe illness from West Nile virus.

The best way to prevent West Nile disease or any other mosquito-borne illness is to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and to take personal precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Precautions include practicing the three "R's" – reduce, repel and report.

• **REDUCE** exposure – avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially between dusk and dawn. Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.

Eliminate all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires and any other receptacles.

• **REPEL** – when outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535, according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

• **REPORT** – In communities where there are organized mosquito control programs, contact your municipal government to report dead birds and areas of stagnant water in roadside ditches, flooded yards and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes.

Additional information about West Nile virus can be found on the Illinois Department of Public Health's website at www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/wnv.htm.

# SXU Ranks 13th On "Highest ROI Colleges In Illinos" List

Saint Xavier University recently was ranked 13th on the "Highest ROI Colleges in Illinois" list by Affordable Colleges Online.

The study analyzed 315 colleges in Illinois to determine which offered the best return on investment (ROI), or the incremental lifetime earnings as a result of earning a college degree minus the cost of the education.

Rankings were calculated using wages from *PayScale.com's* 2013 College Earnings Report as well as tuition and fees data from the National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Post-Secondary Education Data System, and the Carnegie Foundation.

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## AmeriCorp Funds Available

The Illinois Dept. of Human Services (IDHS) and the Serve Illinois Commission on Sept. 10th announced that funding is available for agencies interested in administering AmeriCorps programs in the state. AmeriCorps members serve their communities by improving education and healthcare, protecting public safety, safeguarding the environment, providing disaster relief and promoting civic engagement.

"AmeriCorps is an excellent opportunity for people to commit their time and talents and give something back to their communities," said Brandon Bodor, Executive Director of the Serve Illinois Commission. "Illinois has a strong tradition of supporting national service programs, and AmeriCorps members make a real and lasting difference in the communities in which they serve."

The Serve Illinois Commission, part of IDHS and the office of the Governor, administers the AmeriCorps state programs in Illinois, and is charged with enhancing and supporting community volunteerism. Serve Illinois is funded by the federal Corporation for National and Community Service and currently supports nearly 30 AmeriCorps programs throughout the state.

Serve Illinois will host mandatory meetings for interested parties in Belleville, Chicago, Dixon and Springfield. Proposals are due by Nov. 22nd. Funded programs will begin their work in July 2014. Meeting details and information about the application process can be found at www.ServeIllinois.gov.


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# EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

## *New Nutrient Recovery System To Be Built*

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) has selected Black & Veatch and Ostara Nutrient Recovery Technologies to design and build a new nutrient recovery system at its Stickney Water Reclamation Plant in Cicero. The facility will improve water quality in local rivers, lakes and streams. It will also produce commercial fertilizer from recovered resources.

"The MWRD's mission is to protect the source of our drinking water, improve the quality of area waterways, and manage water as a vital resource for the Greater Chicago area," said Patrick D. Thompson, MWRD Commissioner and Chairman of the Monitoring and Research Committee. "The Stickney project achieves these goals and enables us to recover phosphorus and nitrogen from waste streams that can be converted into fertilizer. In addition, the sale of this product will help offset the cost of operating and maintaining the new facility."

Advocating the project team is Dr. James L. Barnard, Water Global Practice and Technology Leader and winner of the Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize, known to the water industry as "The Father of Biological Nutrient Removal." Dr. Barnard is credited with developing the nutrient removal process used in many wastewater treatment plants worldwide.

"Phosphorus is a non-renewable resource that is critical to farming and food production. Nothing grows without it, but too much of it can negatively impact water quality," said Dr. Barnard. "Biological nutrient removal enables us to address water quality challenges and recover this precious nutrient for beneficial reuse purposes."

"With this new facility, the District is transforming a water challenge into a sustainable solution," said F. Phillip Abrams, Ostara president and CEO. "Removing nutrients from where they shouldn't be – in our waterways – and using them to create a new generation of slow-release fertilizers is the smart thing to do economically and the right thing to do environmentally."

Black & Veatch is providing design, procurement and construction services. Ostara will provide the nutrient recovery system, including equipment. Ostara will also provide operations and maintenance assistance to the District once the project is completed.

## *Breakfast With Your Legislators*

Local business professionals are invited to meet and mingle with Chicagoland elected officials at the 8th Annual Breakfast with Your Legislators on Friday, Oct. 11th at Saint Xavier University, 3700 W. 103rd St. Registration and networking begin at 7:30 a.m. in the Butler Reception Room, Warde Academic Center, followed by breakfast and the program at 8 a.m.

Breakfast with Your Legislators is sponsored by AT&T, hosted by Saint Xavier University, and co-sponsored by Beverly Area Planning Association and the Oak Lawn, Evergreen Park and Blue Island Chambers of Commerce. General admission, which includes breakfast, is $30 per person and $20 for members of the hosting agencies.

This event is expected to sell out. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required by Oct. 8th. Register at www.bapa.org/tickets/b.asp

## *Rita Helps Spread Word Of Lifeline Awareness Week*

State Rep. Bob Rita, D-Blue Island, is urging local residents to take advantage of low-cost telephone service to stay connected to community resources and have the help they need in an emergency.

Rita met with officials of the Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation to spread the word during Lifeline Awareness Week, which runs from Sept. 9-15. The Lifeline telephone assistance program helps residents gain and maintain access to basic local telephone service, offering discounts of up to $9.25 per month for those who qualify.

Rep. Rita is encouraging local residents in his district to visit his legislative office at 2355 W. York Street in Blue to learn more about the program and sign up if they wish.

Telephone subscribers qualify if their income is at or below 135 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, or they participate in programs such as Medicaid, food stamps, federal public housing or low-income home energy assistance programs, or school free lunch programs and more.

The Lifeline program is federally funded and complements a voluntary state program, the Universal Telephone Services Assistance Program. UTAC is funded by voluntary contributions from phone subscribers and helps reduce the cost of landline phone installation. Rep. Rita is joining with the Lifeline team here because, even though the state is one of the most industrialized and technologically advanced in the nation, Illinois has the fourth lowest level of telephone subscribership behind only Arkansas, Mississippi and Oklahoma.

"Having access to a telephone to reach authorities in an emergency or connect to vital services in our communities is so important," Rita said. "I'm glad to help raise awareness of this great program and hope everyone who might need help will take some time this week to check it out."

Signing up for those interested is as easy as contacting their local telephone service provider and asking to be enrolled, in Lifeline. UTAC President Allen Cherry thanked Rep. Rita and other public officials who are making this important program a priority.

"We are an increasingly connected society, yet many people cannot afford to be connected," said Cherry, who also represents the Low Income Utility Advocacy Project. "Lifeline is helping fill those gaps and we want anyone who needs help to come find out if this program can work for them. We would also encourage anyone who wants to help support the program to use this week as a good start. We appreciate the good work of Rep. Rita to help us tell the Lifeline story."

More information about the program, how to qualify and how to donate can be found at http://www.linkupillinois.org/ or by calling Rep. Rita's office at (708) 396-2822.

## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Judy Baar Topinka kicked off her "Common Sense Express" tour in Chicago on Sunday, announcing her re-election campaign for Illinois Comptroller and vowing to continue her fight against the spend, borrow and tax policies that have decimated state finances.

Surrounded by rallying supporters at The Billy Goat Tavern, Topinka noted that in just three years as the state's Chief Fiscal Officer, her office has set a new standard for transparency, demanded accountability from local governments and spoken out against new spending and borrowing schemes that would ultimately dig the state deeper into debt.

"Four years ago, you joined with me on a quest to use the Comptroller's Office to fight for efficiency, transparency and accountability. We have taken that change to heart and we are making a difference," Topinka said. "But we're just getting warmed up, and we owe it to state taxpayers to finish the job we've started."

In reflecting on her first term in office, Topinka highlighted creation of the online Ledger, which allows taxpayers to view up-to-date state balances, expenditures and public salaries without leaving their homes. She noted that under her direction, the office increased pressure on local governments to file mandatory financial disclosures, bringing the compliance rate to above 97 percent. And she addressed the office's move to electronic record keeping and payments, which has saved taxpayers millions of dollars annually in paper and postage alone.

With the state buried by more than $7.5 billion in unpaid bills, Topinka said she also relishes the opportunity to continue her fight against the kind of spending and borrowing plans that have driven Illinois into the red.

"It's Common Sense 101: when you're drowning in debt, you knock off the spending outside of your essentials and you cut up the credit cards – not apply for new ones," Topinka said. "Yet somehow Illinois has failed to learn that lesson. I will take every chance I get in a second term to make that point in Springfield and fight for a new approach to state finances."

The visit started a 3-day, nine-stop "Common Sense Express" statewide bus tour that Topinka launched to announce her campaign for re-election.

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Circuit Court of Cook County Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans was elected to a fifth term as chief judge recently by an overwhelming majority of circuit judges voting. His new three year term will begin December 2, 2013.

The results were announced by Judge Raymond L. Jagielski, chair of the Judicial Election Committee, who said Chief Judge Evans ran for re-election unopposed. Other committee members included Judge Mary Ellen Coghlan, Judge Lynn M. Egan, Judge Marya Sega, Judge Linda J. Gonzalez Santiago, Judge Jane Louise Stuart, Judge Shelley Sutker-Dermer, and Judge F. Kenneth Wright, Jr.

According to Jagielski, the election was held September 10, in the Richard J. Daley Center's Jury Assembly Room. Jagielski said 239 votes were cast; of those, seven were spoiled and the remaining 232 were cast for Chief Judge Evans.

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U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded a $5.1 million grant for the reconstruction of two airplane taxiways at Midway Airport. Both taxiways have reached the end of their useful life.

"Midway Airport serves a vital role in national air travel and our regional economy. This investment will help to ensure that the airport is operating as safely and efficiently as possible," Rep. Lipinski said. "I will continue working to see that the federal government keeps investing in Midway."

The grant is through the FAA's Airport Improvement Program, which provides funding for projects that improve the safety and efficiency of airports in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).

Rep. Lipinski is the state's most senior member on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and sits on the Aviation Subcommittee. His district includes Midway Airport.

Rep. Lipinski previously helped to secure $30 million from the FAA for the installation of arrestor beds in Midway's runway safety areas to stop aircraft from overshooting the airfield. Earlier this year, the congressman successfully fought to block plans for the overnight closure of the airport's control tower due to federal sequestration.

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This Friday, Sept. 20th, a family fundraiser for the Park Lawn Assn., "Park Lawn Bunco Night" will be held at the Orland Park Civic Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Games begin at 7 p.m. Enjoy fun prizes, laughs, door prizes, raffles and more for $25 per seat. Reservations in advance. For more details call Kathy at (708) 422-9569 or Joan at (708) 460-2996 or Dice4Dana@gmail.com. Donations are also accepted.

The Orland Park Civic Center is located at 14750 Ravinia Ave., Orland Park.

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A party hosted by the "Liz for the 17th Committee" will honor Cook County Commissioner Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman at its Annual Fall Cocktail Reception Thursday, Sept. 26th from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at 94 West Steak & Seafood Restaurant, 15410 S. 94th Ave., Orland Park. Tickets are $100 each. Sponsorships are likewise available. For more information, call (773) 704-4655 or visit the website at www.liz.gormanvote

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FORE! Park Lawn 2013, the Janiszewski Family Golf Outing will be held Friday, Sept. 27th at Ridge Country Club, 10522 S. California Ave., Chicago.

The Janiszewski family is proud to expand Fore! Park Lawn 2013 into a fund raising event that both golfers and friends can enjoy. Registration and lunch at 11:30 a.m., shotgun start at 12:30 p.m., reception at 5:30 p.m. Awards, silent auction, and music begins at 6:30 p.m. Golf & Dinner $200 per person, dinner only is $60 per person and hole sponsorships are $200 each. For tickets call (708) 429-6015.

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The Palos Township Regular Democratic Organization will host Committeeman Sam Simone's 16th Annual Dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 9th, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th St. in Hickory Hills. For information contact (708) 233-6610.

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Save the date! PENS (Parental Engagement & Networking Support) First Annual Open House will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 13th from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at South Suburban College's South Holland Campus. A special event for parents designed to showcase the programs, services, and financial advantages that South Suburban College offers students of all ages. To pre-register, or for more information, email PENS@ssc.edu or call (708) 596-2000, ext. 2315.

# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## "Calling All Classic Cars!"

The Village of Evergreen Park is preparing for its Annual Hot Rod and Classic Car Show, which takes place on Friday, Oct. 4 at Yukich Field from 3 to 10 p.m.

Over the years, this festive event has been an overwhelming success, with well over two hundred cars on display. Visitors walk for blocks to view the beautiful classic cars, enjoy great music and socialize in the food and beer tent; there are also games for kids and raffles for the adults. This year's event will benefit "Harmony, Hope and Healing"

Registration is still open! If you have a neat car to show, simply drop in to the Village Hall to get a form; or, even easier, you can download one from the Village's website at www.evergreenpark.il.gov.

Registration fee is only $10, and $20 if you wish for your car to be judged. Admission is free for spectators.need more information, just call (708) 229-8219.

## The Openlands 50th Anniversary Luncheon

The Openlands 50th Anniversary Luncheon highlights the value and benefits of nature on physical and mental well-being. Keynote speaker, Dr. Michael Suk, Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery for the Geisinger Health System based in Danville, PA., will focus on "park prescriptions" and other green alternatives as a way to combat the growing health issues that face our communities. Additionally, Openlands will honor Judith Stockdale with its 2013 Conservation Leadership Award.

The luncheon will be held on Friday, Oct. 25 at the Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave. A reception begins at 10:30 a.m., luncheon begins at noon.

The cost is $100 per person. For tickets visit openlands.org or call 312.863.6264.

Founded in 1963, Openlands is one of the nation's oldest and most successful metropolitan conservation organizations, having helped secure, protect, and provide public access to more than 55,000 acres of land for parks, forest preserves, land and water greenway corridors, and urban gardens. For more information, visit www.openlands.org.


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# OUTDOORS by Jim Kirby

**ILLINOIS HUNTER SAFETY COURSES CELEBRATES ITS 35th YEAR:** If you haven't taken a class alone so now is the time to look into taking a Hunter Safety Course. Hunters born after Jan. 1, 1980 must show proof of successful completion of the DNR Hunter Education Course. Information on safety education classes is available at DNR offices or by calling 1-800-832-2599. Other states are now requiring proof of having completed a hunter safety course. Your Illinois Hunter Safety Course satisfies that requirement.

The instructors giving these courses are dedicated knowledgeable individuals who take great pride in teaching. It's two-day course (generally on a weekend) knowing people going afield or handling firearms will do so in a safe manner.

I recently received the following letter that illustrates just how one Hunter Safety Course instructor qualified to become an instructor.

First, hope this note finds you in good health. Last year you asked me "Bill, why do you do this?" I wondered, but I chose as well as the upcoming class dates.

I started rifle shooting at St Rita High School in 1964. We had started a rifle club team that year so I joined. Shot mostly prone ammo targets on a 50 ft range ON school grounds. I shot on the team all four years. I even [illegible] power team to Val Mer. I taught at a boy's [illegible] for 3 years and became an NRA Certified [illegible] in 1970. In 1978 the DNR was looking for instructors. Since I had been hunting with my dad and six brothers since I was 10, I went to their classes and became a state hunter safety instructor.

In 1979 I became a master instructor and started teaching others to become instructors. I went to other classes and became an NRA Range Safety Officer. I became and still am a Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge counselor for rifle and shotgun. I am happy to say this marks my 37th year as a DNR instructor. So, you asked for some background, you got it!"

"It is such a great feeling to see boys and girls taking the DNR classes, many with their parents. I have been asked why so much time and years spent volunteering, first off there is and always will be need for safety training, but for myself and other instructors as well, what we teach might save someone's life!"

"Now here are the classes I will be teaching in the near future: **Sept. 28-29**, Mokena Park District, (708) 390-2409. **Oct. 5-6**, Cook County Farm Bureau, Countryside, (708) 579-6052. **Oct. 12-13**, Frankfort Sportsmen Club, (815) 469-9887. **Oct. 19-20**, Tinley Park Park District, (708) 342-4200."

Kirby Comment: *"I have seen Bill in action and I can assure you that his Hunter Safety Courses will not be boring.*

**●OUTDOOR CALENDAR: *Now** through **Sept. 23**: Teal season. ***Now** through **Oct. 27**: Dove season. ***Sept. 19**, Fish Tales Fishing Club Meeting, 7 p.m., 15250 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest. Guest speaker **Cory Yarmuth**, www.fishtalesfishingclub.com. ***Sept. 21**, Bullfrog Lake Paddle: join staff for a morning paddle around Bullfrog Lake, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instruction provided, bring your own canoe or use ours, 9600 Wolf Road, Willow Springs. Call (708) 771-1010 to reserve a spot. ***Sept. 27-29**, "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" workshop at Pere Marquette Park, workshops in 25 related outdoor activities, www.dnr.state.il.us/Landmgt/B. ***Sept. 28-29**, Northern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days, Silver Springs State Park, Yorkville. A great day for a family outing. Something for everyone to do. Free parking and admission. www.huntingandfishingdays.org. ***Sept. 28-29**, Hunter Safety Course to be given by **Bill Brady**, Mokena Park District, (708) 390-2409. ***Oct. 8**, Last day to fish Hendecke Lake, it closes until next spring.

**●CONCEAL CARRY:** The Illinois State Police (ISP) has begun listing approved Illinois Concealed Carry Instructors. This is going to take awhile, but the process has begun nonetheless. *(Richard Peterson, Illinois State Rifle Assn. Exec. Director)*

**●OUTDOOR REPORT:** When boaters can get out, cohos, kings, steelhead, lakers and browns are being taken throughout the southern basin of Lake Michigan. Perch improving. Dove, goose and teal hunters report a mixed bag.

**●DNR FUNDING, AT LAST:** The Illinois General Assembly passed a funding package for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources giving the agency much needed new revenues after a decade of severe budget and staffing cuts. The IDNR is committed to protecting the integrity of these funds by using them for the purposes for which they were intended.

A majority of the new funds will be used to hire critical staff and to cut down on over $750 million in backlogged maintenance at our state parks.

**●THINK ABOUT IT:** "Remember, when seconds count the police are only minutes away."

**●E-Mail Jim Kirby:** *kirbyoutdoors@sbcglobal.net*

# Marist Girls Golf Team

**Marist Girls Golf team took 2nd place Saturday at the Oak Forest Invitational with a team score if 361. The team was led by Ashley Kay who was medalist with 82, Sam Smith in 6th with 90, Anna Schicber 94, Kelly Barker 95 and Kaitlyn Maloney 102.**

**Marist Girls golf improved to 9-0 with wins at the ESCC Tri Match. Marist posted 181, Benet 184 Fenwick 190. Marist was lead by Kelly Barker with a 41 with Ashley Kay, Sam Smith and Anna Shicber rounding out the top 4 scores at Fresh Meadows in Hillside.**

**Marist followed this up with a win over Queen of Peace 184 to 244 at the Meadows in Blue Island. Ashley Kay and Sam Smith posted 44 with Kelly Barker and Kaitlyn Maloney chipping in for win.**

**Left to Right Chloe Walsh, Sam Smith, Kelly Barker, Ashley Kay, Kaitlyn Maloney and Anna Schicber.**

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR
## Park Lawn Bunco Night

Dear Editor

I am sending this letter on behalf of the fundraising effort for the annual Bunco Night Benefit, an event that hopes to raise funds for Park Lawn Association in Oak Lawn. Park Lawn is a not-for-profit organization that serves individuals with developmental disabilities. Their work is remarkable and their efforts are life changing for the participants. You may visit the Park Lawn website at www.parklawn.com.

Park Lawn Bunco Night is a family fundraiser for Park Lawn hosted by the Hallgren Family. The event will take place at Orland Park Civic Center on Friday, Sept. 20. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. Reservations will be taken in advance for $25 per seat, as we cannot guarantee a place if not pre-paid. More details available by contacting Kathy (708) 422-9569, Joan (708) 460-2996 or Dice4Dana@gmail.com, website. Prizes! Fun! Laughs! Raffles! Meet new people and WIN!

Dana lives in Orland Park with her family. Dana has been very active in Orland Park's Special Recreation Programs as well a hockey team called the Tomahawks. She is an athletic young woman. She is a former student of District 135 elementary, District 230 high school and Elim Christian School. After graduation from Elim Christian School, she became part of the Park Lawn Family. At Park Lawn Dana has become involved in a variety of activities making new friendships along the way.

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, please contact either Kathy or Joan.

"Park Lawn's mission is to provide services that promote independence, choice and access to community living for people with developmental disabilities."

Sincerely,
Joan Hallgren


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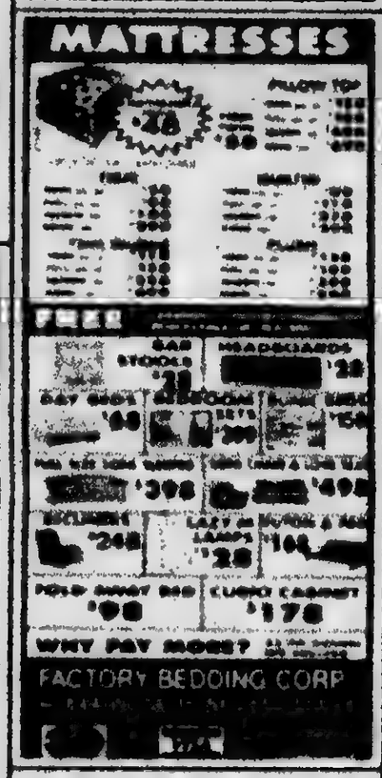


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# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Friday Sept. 20th is National POW MIA (Prisoners of War and Missing in Action) Recognition Day. Midlothian Memorial VFW Post 2580 and Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Table Remembrance Ceremony on the Village Green, 147th and Springfield Ave. in Midlothian, at 7 p.m. on Friday Sept. 20th. Everyone is welcome and then you are invited back to Post 2580, 14817 Pulaski Rd., for light refreshments, coffee and goodies.

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Since 1899 the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) has been a driving force in getting earned benefits for veterans. Through their network of accredited service officers, they can help you navigate the Veterans Affairs health care and benefits systems. The VFW service officers want to help you get the assistance and benefits you deserve.

Former POW's who have service-connected disabilities are eligible for VA health care. This includes hospital, nursing home and outpatient treatment.

Former POW's who do not have service-connected disabilities are eligible for VA hospital and nursing home care regardless of their ability to pay. They also are eligible for outpatient care on a priority basis - second only to veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Former POW's are eligible for required medicines, glasses, hearing aids or prostheses while they are receiving treatment in an approved outpatient treatment program. The following are other significant VA benefits to which former POW's may be entitled: education and training, specially adapted automobile and equipment, vocational rehabilitation and employment services, home loan guaranty; insurance; clothing allowance, all necessary dental care; and burial benefits.

Former POW's are eligible for VA service-connected disability compensation to the same extent as other veterans. However, certain conditions it is presumed are related to captivity. These presumptive disabilities are based on studies of the long-term effects of captivity, deprivation, trauma, and cold weather injury on former POW's. For first-time claimants, there must be a special POW Protocol Examination conducted at a VA medical facility to determine the existence and severity of these disabilities. If a POW has a question, he or she should contact the nearest VFW Service Officer or call the toll-free Help line at 1-800-VFW-1899.

Also, you can find your local VFW service officer on the Internet at www.vfw.org. Click on "Assistance" then select "National Veterans Service" and use the "Find a service officer" application located on the right side of the page, or email vfw@vfw.org.

I picked up this information at the VFW National Convention in July. All of the other Veterans organizations have service officers who can also help you. So you can contact the nearest post, VFW, American Legion, DAV, etc. and they should be able to help you as well. As I have mentioned before, my son John Hansen is a National Service Officer for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) in Reno, Nevada.

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We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Illinois Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Jerome W. Baker, 29, who died Sept. 13th while conducting physical fitness training during a military education course at Fort Custer in Augusta, Michigan. "Jerome served with the Illinois National Guard for 11 years building a reputation as an intelligent non-commissioned officer and mentor. He was well respected and admired by his fellow Soldiers, subordinates and leaders," said Brig. Gen. Daniel Krumrei, the Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard. Baker, of Riverdale, was the non-commissioned officer in charge of readiness for Company G, 634th Brigade Support Battalion, 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team. He was at Fort Custer completing the Senior Leaders Course. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time. May the Baker family be blessed with peace and comfort during this time of deep sorrow."

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The 3rd Annual "Salute to Our Armed Forces" will be held in the grand ballroom of the Double Tree Hotel by Hilton in Alsip, 5000 W. 127th St. All branches of servicemen and women will be honored for serving their country with pride and dedication at a ceremony on Tuesday, Oct. 15th at 1 p.m. All honorees must pre-register to attend. This is a free celebration to salute our Armed Forces servicemen and women.

Share in an afternoon of fellowship and appreciation for your courage and dedication. Those that have served in the United States Armed Forces in wartime and peacetime will be honored for their contribution and sacrifice to our great nation. This celebration is proudly presented by Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy, Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, Dignity Memorial and Double Tree Hotel by Hilton.

Registration is required by Oct. 11th. List your name, branch of service, phone number, and number of guests attending. Call Commissioner Murphy's Office at (708) 389-2125 or fax information to (708) 389-2240.

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Quote of the Week: Wit is educated insolence. --Aristotle

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Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.

# PADS Site For Women And Children

Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner Ave., Oak Lawn, will once again be a PADS site this fall and winter for women and children. This will be the third year that Salem has run the site. Every Sunday evening October through April homeless women and children are able to come to Salem United Church for a hot meal and a place to stay for the night.

The site is run totally by volunteers. They are in need of several volunteers again this year. If you would like to do something for others who are in need this would be the time to start. You will not regret it. There will be an information meeting on Sept. 23rd at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at Salem Church. If you would like to attend call Gerry Krakowsky at (708) 259-3566.

They are in need of volunteers for the 4th Sundays of the month for the following shifts: 6 to 11 p.m., need 3 or 4 men or women; 11 p.m. to 3 a.m., need 2 or 3 men or women, 3 a.m. to 7 a.m., need 2 women.

On the 5th Sunday of the month of which there are only two this year, volunteers are needed for the following shifts: 11 p.m. to 3 a.m., need 2 or 3 men or women, 3 to 7 a.m., need 2 women.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about the program contact Gerry Krakowsky at (708) 259-3566.

# Fall Job And Internship Fair

Students, alumni and community members who are looking for hourly or salary jobs or paid or non-paid internships can network with quality employers that have job openings at Moraine Valley Community College's fall Job and Internship Fair on Thursday, Sept. 26th from 2 to 5 p.m. The free fair will be in the Moraine Business and Conference Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

Professional business attire and resumes are required for entry. Registration is not required. A complete list of companies expected to attend the fair and additional information can be found at *morainevalley.edu/jobfair* or by calling the Job Resource Center at (708) 974-5737.


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# Trustee Streit's Discounts For The Disabled Becomes The Law

Oak Lawn Village Trustee Robert Streit, (Dist 3), announced Sept 12th that the Village Board has unanimously approved a measure to provide disabled citizens discounts on village vehicle stickers and their garbage collection bills

Under the program introduced by Streit at the May 14th board meeting, eligible residents will receive the same discounts that are currently available for senior citizens Each household with a permanently disabled resident will receive a vehicle sticker for $5 rather than the usual price of $25 Disabled residents will also receive a 7 3/4% discount off each garbage pickup bill

Streit, a longtime independent Village Trustee, received a cool response from other board members when he initially introduced the measure in May and asked the village's attorneys to draft the appropriate ordinance However, after Streit provided evidence that the discounts will have a minimal effect on the village's budget, his fellow board members joined Streit in approving the measure on Sept 10 Streit said that he was ecstatic that his less experienced fellow board members reviewed the evidence he provided and rightly voted for the ordinances

Streit had noted that the village has excellent discounts for senior citizens and other programs for the needy but that the disabled population did not have a similar discount Streit developed the idea while working on behalf of one of his district's residents who happens to be disabled Streit is the only Village Trustee to maintain a staffed district constituent services office in the village. The resident called Streit's district office asking if he was entitled to a discount because of a permanent disability After investigating the need in the community, Streit prepared an ordinance. Streit said that the measure was long overdue because almost thirty percent of Oak Lawn's disabled live below the poverty line

This past year, 224 handicapped placards were issued in Oak Lawn In addition, Streit explained that many disabled residents experience financial hardship because of their inability to work Mr. Streit said, "It's only fair that we recognize and help citizens within Oak Lawn who already have a difficult path as they cope with a permanent disability"

Streit noted that Oak Lawn has always been known as a community that prides itself on helping its neighbors "We are a community that comes together to assist each other in time of need", said Streit, who is the longest serving Trustee in the Village

A village program to provide help shoveling snow and raking leaves to seniors is very popular Seniors are also entitled to discounts on refuse bills and vehicle stickers.

Streit praised the past efforts of the Village and community organizations for programs that serve the poor and the seniors He cited the food pantries and The Public Action to Deliver Shelter Program (PADS) which serve the 8% of Oak Lawn's residents that are below the poverty level He also noted that the Village has recognized veterans who make up almost 9% of Oak Lawn residents, with points towards village jobs, and a service on Veterans Day

## OAK LAWN POLICE CALLS

On August 31, Michael Lomez of Chicago was arrested for criminal damage to property after he damaged a residence in the 10100 block of S Lawrence Court

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On August 31, Desano Johnson of Oak Lawn was arrested for assault and criminal trespass to property in the 11900 Block of South Wallace Street after a fight with a resident of the residence

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On Sept 1, Daniel Saustegui of Chicago was arrested for speeding and driving under the influence of alcohol after a traffic stop in the 5300 block of W 95th Street He registered over 08 on a breathalyzer test

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On Sept 1, Maria Ramirez of Chicago was arrested for speeding, no driver's license and no rear registration plate light after a traffic stop in the 9600 block of S Cicero Avenue

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On Sept 4, Tiffany Ann Peters of Justice was arrested at a home in the 8800 block of S. Ridgeland Avenue for drug possession and possession of hypodermic syringes

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On Sept 4, Dequan Thompson of Chicago Heights was arrested for retail theft after stealing items from an Oak Lawn business

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On Sept. 4, Carl Eggleston of Chicago was arrested for aggravated battery that took place in the 9400 block of S Pulaski after an altercation with another male

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# Marquette Bank Celebrates National Good Neighbor Day

Marquette Bank, a locally owned neighborhood bank, is celebrating National Good Neighbor Day on Saturday, Sept. 28th with giveaways and refreshments at all branches along with a special donation to one local nonprofit.

Marquette Bank's Good Neighbor Gift Project is a charity contest that awards $2,500 and 25 hours of volunteer service to a local nonprofit nominated by any Marquette Bank employee.

Our Good Neighbor Day Gift Project contest allows us to build relationships with local organizations in our neighborhoods that are struggling and in need of our help. Christie Cox, Neighborhood Director, said: "As a neighborhood bank, it is our mission to help the less fortunate and make the neighborhoods we live in stronger for the residents in our communities."

In order to qualify, nonprofits must be a 501(c)(3) or a 509(a)(1) organization. Once nominated, qualified organizations will complete a short application which includes:

An overview of the organization, including mission, vision and goals.

A detailed plan of how the funds would be used.

A detailed plan of how the volunteer hours would be used.

A project timeline.

A description of how the funds/volunteer hours would benefit the neighborhood.

Completed applications must be received by Oct. 31st and the winning organization will be chosen by the Marquette Neighborhood Committee by Nov. 15th. Marquette Bank's participation in National Good Neighbor Day and its Good Neighbor Gift Project are part of the Marquette Neighborhood Commitment, where each quarter the bank focuses on giving back to its communities in four areas of need: shelter, hunger, education and health/wellness.

The bank will provide refreshments on National Good Neighbor Day on Saturday, Sept. 28th and the day before, Friday, Sept. 27th. In addition to refreshments and the Good Neighbor Gift Project, the bank will also provide neighbors with free financial planning, mortgage refinance reviews, retirement check-ups and estate plan reviews. For more information about Marquette Bank, the Marquette Neighborhood Commitment or to schedule a free financial review, call 1-888-254-0500.

# "Be Informed, Get Ready" For Emergencies

September is National Preparedness Month and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck is reminding all Illinoisans to use this month to make a plan and prepare an emergency supply kit for their homes.

National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Ready America campaign, is a nationwide effort designed to increase awareness as well as encourage individuals, families, businesses and communities to take action to prepare for emergencies.

IDPH and its Office of Preparedness and Response recommend the following tips to prepare for emergencies:

**Make a plan.** Have enough supplies to last at least 72 hours (3 days), designate locations to meet family, designate an out-of-area contact.

**Create an emergency supply kit.** Include at least 72 hours worth of water, non-perishable food, a first aid kit, prescription and non-prescription medicine, other tools and sanitation (extra batteries, hand crank weather radio, soap, toilet paper, etc.), clothing and bedding.

**Get training.** Learn first aid, CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), know how to "shelter-in-place" and how to turn off utilities (water, power, gas) in your home.

**Volunteer.** Volunteer in your community as a Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) member.

For more information including a comprehensive, online tool kit, visit http://ready.illinois.gov/.

# Jesse White Announces Statewide Poster Contest

Secretary of Secretary of State Jesse White kicked off National Child Passenger Safety Week by announcing a statewide poster coloring contest for first- and second-grade students. White was joined by Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen and Skokie Police Deputy Chief Al Lopez at Fairview South School in the northern suburb.

Secretary White spoke about the importance of using child passenger safety seats from birth up to 8 years old. White said that for this year's Child Passenger Safety Week he would be looking for first and second graders statewide to help spread the message. Students received coloring sheets featuring a place for a slogan highlighting the importance of child passenger safety. The winning drawings will be featured on a poster that will be distributed statewide. The Secretary of State's office will be taking contest submissions statewide until Dec. 16th.

The event was aimed at encouraging parents, caregivers and their families to make sure children are properly secured in appropriate child safety seats. There was also a demonstration on how to properly secure a child in a booster seat.

In Illinois, three out of four child safety seats are improperly installed, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The Illinois Child Passenger Protection Act states that children under age 8 must be secured in an appropriate child restraint system, including booster seats.

In 2012, 9,766 drivers in Illinois were ticketed for not having their children restrained.

Child safety seats reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for toddlers in passenger vehicles.

For more information on the poster contest, contact Kathleen Widmer at 312-814-2601 or kwidmer@ilsos.net.

The Secretary of State's office, through its Kids in Safe Seats program, has 12 fitting stations in Illinois where motorists can set up appointments or be referred to technicians in their area who can show them how to install their child safety seats properly. Safety seat technicians teach parents how to install more than 50 child safety seats a month in the Chicago metro area. To make an appointment or get more information, call (866) 247-0213 or visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

# Neat Repeats Resale Fall Madness Sale

Neat Repeats Resale is celebrating fall with their annual storewide sale on Saturday Sept. 21st from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Everything in the stores will be 50% off. Select from Men's, Women's, and Children's fall fashions. They have a wonderful assortment of holiday items, antiques, designer purses, housewares and so much more. Come celebrate their new look and get some great items for you and your family. Visit either store on Sept 21st for great deals. Orland Park at 9028 W. 159th St. or in Worth at 7026 W. 111th Street.

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# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Donna Jeanne Barrett**

Mass was said at St. Mary Catholic Church, Mokena, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Donna Jeanne Barrett, BSN, RN, late of Mokena, formerly of Vet's Park. She was a former police officer for the MWRD and a member of Sigma Phi Alpha sorority of UIC.

She is survived by her husband Sean, her children Alexander (Josh), Joshua Arana and Braeden, her mother Arlene Smulek and her sisters Lisa (Britt) Moore and Jeanne (Michael) Hernandez.

**Viola M. Borgman**

Services were held in Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South, for Viola M. Borgman, 98. She was the wife of the late Raymond.

She is survived by her children Larry (Suellyn) and Ken, nine grandchildren and many great and great-great grandchildren.

**James M. Carrano**

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for James M. Carrano, 56, late of Tinley Park.

He is survived by his son Taylor Carrano and his stepdaughter Debbie Jones, one grandchild, his mother Donna, and his brothers John and Michael (Debbie).

**Cecelia Gorski Chalden**

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Cecelia Gorski Chalden, 98, a longtime resident of Tinley Park. She was an employee for RR Donnelley Publishing House and Oktron Wescoil, Inc. for many years. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors of America, the St. George Altar & Rosary Society, Medical Missions, the Women's Club and she was the "Sunshine Lady" for the St. George Seniors. She was also a member of XYZ and the Tinley Park Seniors. She was the wife of the late Joseph.

She is survived by her children Kenneth (Joyce) Chalden, Eileen Teichman, Pamela Spielman and Claudia Chalden, seven grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and her sister Irene Kwiatkowski.

**David L. Goodfriend**

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for David L. Goodfriend, a veteran. He was a past Commander of VFW Post 5220, a member of the American Legion 757, AMVETS and the Oak Lawn Athletic Club. He was a lifetime member of Local 150 Operating Engineers.

He is survived by his wife Lenore J., his daughter Ann (William) Philips, Jr., three grandchildren and his brothers Joseph (Cathy O'Ryan) and Richard Goodfriend.

**Eleanor Elizabeth Karp**

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Tuesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Eleanor Elizabeth Karp. She was the wife of the late Hilary A. Karp. She was a member of the Fun Club and Senior Group.

She is survived by children Deborah (Lee) Gallaher and Hilary Karp, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Norma E. Larsen**

Services were held at the Beverly Ridge Funeral Home, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at Cedar Park Cemetery, for Norma E. Larsen. She was the wife of the late Howard.

She is survived by her children James, Donald (Vicki) and Dianne (Stephen) Powers, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**Mark W. Lenzen**

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, on Thursday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Mark W. Lenzen, 52, formerly of Oak Forest.

He is survived by his children Patrick and Jayson, his parents Ronald and Patricia and his brothers Ronald J. (Lisa), Kevin and Christopher.

**Carolyn Levickas**

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Carolyn Levickas, 56. She was a Travel Agent Extraordinaire.

She is survived by her brothers Michael (Fran) and Tommy (Maggie) Levickas and many nieces and nephews.

**Donald L. Murphy**

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Donald L. Murphy, 74. He was the former husband of Mary Ann Murphy.

He is survived by his children Mary Lou Luif, Maureen (Orville) Frame, Daniel (Julie) Murphy, Kathleen (Frank) DiGiovanni and Patrick (Karrie) Murphy and fourteen grandchildren.

**Rita E. Nino**

Mass was said at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, on Saturday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Rita E. Nino, 76.

She is survived by her children Jose Olmos, Jr., Coletta Ford, Daniel (Debra) Olmos, Monica (Michael) Lilja, Edward (Susan) Olmos, Delphine (Samuel) Volpe, Juan, Kevin and Melissa Olmos, twenty-one grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild, and her brother Edward Kotowski.

**John L. Podoba**

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Thursday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John L. Podoba, 82, late of Tinley Park. He was the husband of the late Nancy and a U.S. Marine veteran.

He is survived by his children John (Ann) Podoba, Lisa (Michael) O'Neill, six grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

**Gustave W. Simon**

Services were held at the Andrew J. McGann and Son Funeral Home, Chicago, on Friday, with inurnment at Chapel Hill Garden South Cemetery, for Gustave W. "Bud" Simon, 85. He was the husband of the late Rosamond, a U.S. National Guard Veteran and a retired member of Pipefitters Local 597.

He is survived by his children Becky (Mike) Neiswender and Det. Thomas Simon CPD and four grandchildren.

**Richard Solle**

A private graveside serviceed was held at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, for Richard Solle, 78, late of Florida, formerly of Orland Park.

He is survived by his wife Janet, his children Cheryl (Tom) Vloedman, Lori (Terry) Manhuis, Thomas (Carla) Solle and Sandra (Jeff) Bultema, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and his brothers Ed and Henry.

**Daniel Vaclav Sr.**

Mass will be said at St. Damian Church, 155th and Long, Oak Forest at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 19th with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Daniel Vaclav, Sr. 85, of Manteno. He was a United States Marine Veteran. He was the proprietor of Daniels Printing and Office Supply in Oak Forest as well as a member of the Knights of Columbus Father CC Boyle 4698, the American Legion Manteno Post 0755, the Lion's Club and Marine Detachment of Kankakee 1253 Corps League. He was also a participant in many charities and 5K walk-runs.

He is survived by his wife Caroline, his children Daniel (Pamela) Vaclav, Jr. and David (Doris) Vaclav and three grandchildren.

**Beatrice Winkelmann**

Services were held at the Salem United Church of Christ, Oak Lawn, on Friday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Beatrice Winkelmann. She was the wife of the late Harvey.

She is survived by her children Sharon (Steve) Pennington and Darwin (Judi) Winkelmann, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and her sister Rosebud Goodbread.

**Stephen W. Zieler**

Services were held at the Robert J. Sheehy and Sons Funeral Home, Orland Park, on Thursday, with a private interment, for Stephen W. Zieler. He was an 11 year employee of Chop House and President of Completely Clean Carpet & Upholstery.

He is survived by his wife Janene, his children Stephanie (Robert) DeHaan, Nicholas (Jessica), Abby (Paul Manning) Johnson, Kara, Stephen and Mitchell, four grandchildren, his parents Joanne and Robert Zieler and his brothers Robert and Joe Zieler.


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# Pre-Budget Presentation

The Oak Lawn Board of Trustees was presented with another pre-budget presentation by Village Treasurer Pat O'Donnell. The budget is on a possible [illegible] million deficit in 2014 mostly due to pension payments. According to state law a balanced budget with no deficits must be presented to the state in December.

If the village cannot bring the pension payment into line with the state mandate in the near future, the village faces losing a percentage of state sales tax with those payments going toward the pension fund.

O'Donnell said that although the village has done a lot of trimming by department heads, more needs to be done. A glimmer of hope comes from the expansion of TIF states for projects in the village and other projected sales income from the 159th Street TIF and other projects, which will come when the project is finished. There are also increases in sales, property and gas tax monies, but in the meantime the village must come up with alternatives to cover the village's pension requirements.

Village President Sandra Bury said she would like to see the budget crisis solved without raising taxes or employee lay offs and no sales tax increases. O'Donnell suggested that the village freeze all hiring at the start of new projects, to freeze new loans and to freeze non-union employee pay raises.

It was stated that the board will hold a 'budget workshop' with all board members and department heads to discuss the budget crisis. The meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 16th.

Mayor Bury said residents can help this crisis by 'shopping Oak Lawn' and keeping sales tax dollars in the village. The board she said will work to solve this crisis as best they can.

It was reported that the village is seeing a number of realtors buying foreclosed and abandoned homes in the village with the intention of rehabbing the homes and offering them for rent. Although trustees didn't see too much wrong with this, it was stated that the village didn't have the control over the rehab process as they would like. It was suggested that the village require by ordinance a bond that would give the village a portion of control over the projects. It was suggested that this be discussed in the near future.

Trustee Carol Quinlan explained her quest to remove the basketball hoops in Little Wolf Park. She said having the hoops there has made the park unsafe for children and families. She said she has received complaints about rowdiness, language and other acts by teens and older people using the outdoor hoops.

Quinlan cited the actions by Evergreen Park, who also removed outdoor hoops with much success. She said the village should encourage the park district to remove the hoops and return the park to families. She asked that residents, either pro or con, attend the next park board meeting on Monday, Oct. 21 at Oakview, 2625 W. 110th. She suggested calling the park district and asking to be put on the agenda so that participants can voice their opinions. Call (708) 857-2225 and ask for Dawn as soon as possible.

Quinlan also brought up the senior center and allowing the park district to oversee senior activities. Quinlan reported attending the recent Senior Picnic where she heard concerns by resident seniors as to where they stand in the new senior center project. They said they felt that they were not consulted as to what they wanted.

Quinlan said most of the people she talked to were not happy with the proposed location of the center nor were they happy with the change in letting the park district take over senior activities.

Quinlan said she had to tell them she didn't know what was happening because no one had informed her of the plans. She suggested that the board allow the seniors to have information on the project to answer some of their questions.

# Prevent Identity Theft And Recycle At Free Shred Day

State Rep. Kelly Burke (D-Evergreen Park) is inviting constituents to take advantage of free and secure document disposal at her community shred day this month.

"Identity theft will always be a serious concern, especially with identity thieves trying to find new ways to scam consumers; but as many families and small businesses face the challenges of an uneasy economy, shredding is an expense that it easily put off," Burke said. "This free shred day will help families and local employers save some money and keep personally identifying information from falling into the wrong hands."

Burke's shred day will be held Saturday, Sept. 28th from 9 a.m. until noon on the parking lot of Evergreen Park Community High School, 9001 S. Kedzie Ave. Residents are invited to bring old tax returns, pay stubs, bills, receipts and credit card applications for safe destruction. Documents will be shredded on site.

"Shredding is not only the safest way to dispose of old bills, credit card statements and other documents that contain sensitive information, it's also an environmentally friendly way of clearing clutter that's taking up space in a home or business," Burke said. "This shred day is a great opportunity to make our identities safer and our communities greener."

For more information about Burke's shred day, call her constituent service office at (708) 425-0571 or email kburke@rep.org.

Burke represents the 46th District, which includes Evergreen Park and parts of Oak Lawn, Chicago Ridge, Palos Heights, Palos Hills, Palos Park, Willow Springs and Worth, and portions of Chicago's 18th and 19th wards.

# Toyota Park Hosts Economic Development Event For Harlem Ave.

Municipal officials from surrounding communities gathered at Toyota Park on Wednesday, Sept. 18th to discuss economic development opportunities along a stretch of Harlem Avenue that includes Bridgeview.

The event, which was sponsored and organized the Southwest Conference of Mayors, highlighted several areas along Harlem Avenue from 63rd Street to I-80 that are primed for development.

Real estate brokers and developers had an opportunity to take a bus tour to all of the sites along the corridor ready for development, while municipal officials provided background and other information on the featured locations.

One of the local officials speaking on behalf of the locations in Bridgeview was Village Trustee James Cecott.

"We are starting to see things turn around. We feel optimistic about the opportunities we have for developers along our portion of Harlem Avenue, and we're beginning to see that from interested developers too."

He referenced the new Circle K plans for a lot next to Toyota Park as evidence of a turnaround. Other areas highlighted for development included additional lots around Toyota Park, along with the Bridgeview Court Shopping Center area.

Other villages that participated included Bedford Park, Oak Lawn, Palos Hills, Orland Park, Tinley Park, Chicago Ridge and Worth.

If you are interested in finding out more information about the Harlem Avenue Corridor Plan created by the Southwest Conference of Mayors, you can visit their website at *harlemcorridor.com*, or you can email them at info@harlemcorridor.com.

Toyota Park is located at 7000 S. Harlem Ave. in Bridgeview. You can check out upcoming events and concerts taking place at Toyota Park by visiting their website at www.toyotapark.com.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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OCTOBER 2 Wednesday Farmers Market, Dumke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 am. to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday through Oct. 16.)

OCTOBER 2 Wednesday Rules of the Road Driving Classes (free), Worth Township Seniors, 11601 Pulaski Road, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

OCTOBER 2 Wednesday Appeals Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 3 Thursday Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

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OCTOBER 9 Wednesday Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

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# Approve Medical Examiner's Ordinance Changes To Explore The Use Of Cremation

The Cook County Board today unanimously approved changes to the Medical Examiner's ordinance that for the first time would allow it the option of cremating the bodies of unclaimed and disclaimed indigents.

The ordinance's original sponsors were Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Commissioners Jeffrey Tobolski (16th) and Elizabeth Doody Gorman (17th).

The ordinance establishes the formal steps the office takes to notify next-of-kin of individuals brought to the Medical Examiner and also authorizes the office to charge storage fees for bodies brought in from hospitals and nursing homes that are not ME cases.

"These revised policies and procedures reflect our determination to bring the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office into the 21st century by employing best, and sensible, practices used by offices across the country," Preckwinkle said. "Under the leadership of Dr. Stephen Cina, we are building a staff that is capable of meeting its responsibilities and providing the public with the service it expects and deserves."

The ordinance authorizes the Medical Examiner's office to investigate the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of using cremation for unclaimed or "disclaimed" bodies. Disclaimed bodies are those where the Medical Examiner has contacted the next-of-kin, but family members decline or refuse to claim the body. Unclaimed bodies are identified individuals with no known next-of-kin.

Unidentified bodies will not be subject to cremation.

The Medical Examiner will begin a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to find a vendor who can provide cremation services. In the interim, the county will continue its practice of burying indigents at either Homewood Memorial Gardens or Mt. Olivet Cemetery. The Medical Examiner will still retain the option of burying the remains of indigent individuals.

Full implementation of cremation will not begin until a policy has been established and recommendations are sought from the Medical Examiner Advisory Committee, which is composed of representatives from the clergy, community leaders, funeral directors, other county offices and law enforcement. The policy will include a checks and balances for when cremation will be employed.

Dr. Cina noted that cremation is becoming a national standard for medical examiner offices across the country, including such large metropolitan areas as Los Angeles, CA, Miami, FL, and Baltimore, MD.

Depending on results of the RFP, cremation also could be more cost efficient than burial. Typically, indigent burials cost approximately $480 per individual whereas the estimated cost per cremation is expected to be between $250 to $300. Individual urns housing the remains would be kept up to two years at the Medical Examiner's Office and returned to the legal next of kin at the request of the family.

# 12th Annual Pasta Dinner

The Order Sons of Italy Leone D'Oro Lodge #2700 sponsors its 12th Annual Pasta Dinner at the Tinley Park High School, 6111 W. 175th Street on Sunday, Oct. 20th, from 1 to 5 p.m. The event's proceeds go towards the Joseph Caldarone College Scholarship Fund, charity, and general lodge activities.

This exciting family event includes live entertainment by professional singers Mike Valentine and his wife Ginger. Their group has played in many Chicago area venues. Jim Bucek, Orland Township Senior Idol Contest finalist, will also entertain with a variety of songs. He is a member of the Sounds of Illinois Barbershop Chorus, which won number one in the state and 16th in the world.

The delicious meal of pasta and meatballs is prepared by Palermo's Restaurant of Tinley Park. Bread is supplied by Labriola Bakery, and salad, dessert and beverage are included. There are raffle and door prizes. Tickets are $10 in advance and $11 at the door. Children ages 5 to 12 are $5, and those under age 5 are free. Call Ann D'Antonio at (708) 479-1489 for advance tickets.

Persons do not need to be of Italian descent to join OSIA, an organization for both men and women. Interested parties may attend a regular meeting as a guest to learn about the lodge and upcoming events. Regular meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Eche Turners Hall, 16767 S. 80th Ave., Tinley Park. However, this October meeting is held on the 15th, prior to the Pasta Dinner. Contact lodge president Paul Laparco, (708) 560-0632, for information.

# *Private Sector Adds 5,900 Jobs In August*

Illinois added 5,900 private sector jobs in August and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 9.2 percent, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Illinois added 64,800 private sector jobs compared to August 2012. The data is seasonally adjusted.

"Job growth without a corresponding drop in the unemployment rate indicates employers are willing to hire if they find a very good, very qualified candidate," IDES Director Jay Rowell said. "Adding jobs without lowering the unemployment rate underscores the uneven nature of this economy and could continue depending how national and global events shape business plans and consumer confidence."

Employers posted 197,000 help-wanted ads in Illinois in August, the independent Conference Board stated. Nearly 70 percent were full-time positions. The data is seasonally adjusted.

Illinois has added +251,000 private sector jobs since January 2010 when job growth returned following nearly two years of consecutive monthly declines. Leading growth sectors are Professional and Business Services (+110,400), Education and Health Services (+61,900), and Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+49,500). Government has lost the most jobs since January 2010, down -34,200.

Volatility has been the hallmark of this economic cycle. When compared to the previous month, Illinois recorded job growth in 32 months and job loss in 12. Unemployment fell in 24 months, increased in nine and was unchanged in 11. Sustained consumer confidence could reduce volatility.

The three-month moving average unemployment rate, which smoothes monthly volatility, was unchanged at 9.2 percent in August. The number of unemployed individuals decreased in August for the first time since May, down -2,500 (-0.4 percent) to 602,000. Total unemployed has fallen -150,200 (-20.0 percent) since early 2010 when the state unemployment rate peaked at 11.3 percent for the months of January and February.

The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and seeking employment. A person who exhausts benefits, or is ineligible, still will be reflected in the unemployment rate if they actively seek work. Historically, the national unemployment rate is lower than the state rate. The state rate has been lower than the national rate only six times since January 2000.


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# Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the First Day of Unity observed in October, 1981, by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The extend was to support battered women's advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state, and national levels. These activities were as varied and diverse as the programs sponsors but had common themes: mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence.

In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year the first national toll-free hotline was begun. In 1989 the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation was passed by the U.S. Congress. Such legislation has passed every year since with NCADV providing key leadership in this effort.

In October 1994 NCADV, in conjunction with Ms Magazine, created the "Remember My Name" project, a national registry to increase public awareness of domestic violence deaths. Since then, NCADV has been collecting information on women who have been killed by an intimate partner and produces a poster each October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, listing the names of those documented in that year.

The Day of Unity is celebrated the first Monday in October. NCADV hopes that events in communities and regions across the fifty states will culminate in a powerful statement celebrating the strength of battered women and their children.

# Host Alumni Banquet

All De La Salle alumni are invited to attend the 118th Annual Alumni Banquet on Oct. 4th in the Hilton Commons at the Institute Campus located at 3434 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago. Mass & campus tours will be at 4:30 p.m. with a reception following at 5:30 p.m. and dinner and the awards ceremony taking place at 7 p.m.

Tickets are $75 with alumni from the Classes of 2004-13 paying $50.

Receiving the honor keys at the alumni banquet will be the Honorable Michael Chmielewski from the Class of 1983.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact De La Salle's Special Events Manager, Mandi Kasper, at (312) 842-7355 ext. 146 or kasperm@dls.org.

# *Preparations Are Underway For Next Year's Crystal Heart Ball Gala*

**Little Company of Mary's Crystal Heart Ball chair-couple, Matt and Mary Ellen Filosa hosted an elegant reception at their Beverly residence to kick-off the planning preparations for next year's Crystal Heart Ball Gala. The Crystal Heart Ball is Little Company of Mary's premier fundraising event benefiting the Values. Vision. Innovation: The Campaign for Little Company of Mary Hospital.**

**The 2014 Crystal Heart Ball will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014 at the Field Museum. Guests will enjoy an elegant night to remember, dancing under the artifacts of the featured exhibition "Opening the Vaults: Wonders of the 1893 World's Fair." The Ball will honor Kendall Cicermier (founder of Kids Caring for Kids) and Dr. Kuhn Hong, a Little Company of Mary physician who is on a medical mission in Ethiopia for the next three years.**

**For more information on the 2014 Crystal Heart Ball or the honorees, call Little Company of Mary's Foundation Department at (708) 229-5447 or visit http://www.lcmhfoundation.org/events.**

**Pictured left to right: Crystal Heart Ball 2014 Chairpersons, Matt and Mary Ellen Filosa and co-chairpersons, Daine and Thomas Quinn, M.D.**

# Columbus Day Parade

Chicagoans will join in worldwide celebration of Christopher Columbus' arrival in the Americas in 1492 at the city's 61st annual Columbus Day Parade in downtown Chicago on Monday, Oct. 14 (Columbus Day).

The parade not only celebrates Columbus' historic voyage to America, but also the Chicago region's rich Italian-American heritage and culture.

The iconic event, sponsored by the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans (JCCIA), steps off at 12:30 p.m. from Columbus Drive and Balbo, then proceeds north on Columbus to Monroe. It draws thousands from all backgrounds including top local and state elected officials.

The parade will be dedicated to the memory of Chicago actor Dennis Farina who died this July. The parade's grand marshal is Michael W. Ferro Jr., chairman of Sun-Times Media.

As part of the day's festivities, a mass will be held at 9 a.m. at Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii church, 1224 W. Lexington, in Chicago's Little Italy neighborhood. It's followed by a 10:30 a.m. wreath laying ceremony at the Columbus statue at nearby Arrigo Park, 801 S. Loomis.

Post parade, there's a Columbus Day reception at 3 p.m. at Gene & Georgetti's restaurant, 500 N. Franklin. For more on the parade and day's activities visit www.jccia.com or call (708) 450-9050.


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## *Blue Island CREATE Modernization Project Completed*

A $97.7 million project to add freight railroad mobility and relieve congestion for the commuting public in the Chicago region has been completed in Blue Island, Illinois. The project (WA10) is part of the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) Program and led by CSX Transportation engineering and operations employees. The scope of the project included installing new crossovers, new bi-directional switching, and signal modernization. There were approximately 130 railroad crew members and contractors who worked on the project which will reduce idling in Chicago neighborhoods, balance freight movements between freight railroads, and add capacity for projected growth in freight demand. Presently, up to 13 train trains are directly impacted by the project.

The CREATE program continues to be a strategic investment in our state and in our future as a transportation leader, said U.S. Rep. Robin L. Kelly (IL-2). "My initial support for the CREATE program came as a result of the [illegible] communities in my district experiencing [illegible] Blue Island Yard. So I am pleased to see the various upgrades [illegible] WA10 project come to completion [illegible] $2.4 million [illegible] CSX [illegible] and the state provided [illegible]

[illegible] Suburbs and Chicago land area [illegible] commuting [illegible] in Chicago [illegible]

[illegible] public and freight railroads are already [illegible] CREATE projects [illegible] Through the [illegible] CSX and our partners [illegible] Congressional Delegation [illegible] and Blue Island Mayor Domingo J. Vargas [illegible] support and cooperation," said John Bradley, CSX Transportation's Chicago Division Manager.

"The CREATE program is a unique partnership of the State of Illinois, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the City of Chicago, Amtrak, Metra, and the Class I railroads. To date, 18 CREATE projects have been completed, reducing passenger and freight train delays by 35% and 24%, respectively, in the areas in which the projects have been completed. Another [illegible] are currently underway [illegible] CREATE, and [illegible] affordable."

## *First Responders Mass*

[illegible] will be [illegible] for First Responders Family, Friends and the [illegible] are invited to honor our active and retired Police [illegible] Firefighters EMS and all branches of the Military [illegible] Provider over the Mass which will be held at Queen of Peace High School on Sunday, Oct. 20th at [illegible] Queen of Peace High School [illegible] Oak Lawn [illegible] Cross [illegible] Refreshments will be [illegible] Mass [illegible] Refreshments [illegible] Mass [illegible] Refreshments [illegible]

## *Nominees Sought For Youth "Medal Of Honor"*

Cook County Commissioner John P. Daley is seeking local nominations for the Youth Service "Medal of Honor" award, a distinction given annually to young leaders by Cook County Sheriff Thomas J. Dart.

Nominees must be high school aged Cook County residents who have performed at least 100 volunteer hours of valuable community service between Sept. 1, 2012 and August 31, 2013. The volunteer work must have been supervised and completed during nonschool hours on behalf of a hospital, church, synagogue, or other faith-based institution or a recognized charitable organization.

This prestigious award is presented to outstanding young leaders who are engaged in important work for the betterment of their community," said Commissioner Daley. "They are to be commended for setting a fine example, and the 'Medal of Honor' brings public recognition for their accomplishments."

More information about qualifications for the award can be found at www.cookcountysheriff.org. An application form can be downloaded from the site. Completed applications must be submitted via U.S. mail postmarked by October 16.

The "Medal of Honor" award, now in its 26th year, will be presented to recipients at a formal awards ceremony.

## *Breakfast With Your Legislators*

Local business professionals are invited to meet and mingle with Chicagoland elected officials at the Eighth Annual Breakfast with Your Legislators on Friday, Oct. [illegible] at Saint Xavier University, 3700 W. 103rd St.

Elected officials scheduled to attend include State Sen. Bill Cunningham (D-18th), State Rep. Kelly Burke (D-35th), State Rep. Fran Hurley (D-38th), Cook County Commissioner John Daley (D-11th), Chicago Ald. Matt O'Shea (19th), Oak Lawn Mayor Sandra Bury, and Blue Island Mayor Domingo Vargas.

Registration and networking begins at 7:30 a.m. in the Butler Reception Room located in the Warde Academic Center, followed by breakfast and the program at 8 a.m.

General admission for the event, which includes breakfast, is $30 per person or $20 for members of the [illegible] Organized Business Alliance, Blue Island Area Chamber of Commerce, Eighth Ward Democratic Party, Chicago Southwest Development Corporation, Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, Oak Lawn Community High School District 229, and Blue Island Chamber of Commerce. More event information is expected to be posted soon for online at www.[illegible].com.

## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) told All Points that he is cosponsoring a bipartisan resolution calling on the President to ask the United Nations to establish a war crimes tribunal to hold all sides accountable for atrocities committed in Syria. This is in response to reports of not only chemical weapons used by the Assad regime, but also torture, rape, and summary executions committed by both government and rebel forces fighting in the country's civil war. In signing on as a cosponsor, Rep. Lipinski did not rule out future United States intervention if diplomatic efforts are not successful in Syria.

"We have all been shocked and horrified by the images of the violence taking place in Syria. The fact that children have been subjected to some of the worst of this violence cannot and should not be tolerated," Rep. Lipinski said. "Clearly, all perpetrators must be held accountable for the atrocities that have happened and could potentially continue to take place. I believe a war crimes tribunal, with the full weight of the international community behind it, needs to be formed to not only bring the guilty to justice, but also deter future atrocities in Syria and elsewhere."

The "Immediate Establishment of Syrian War Crimes Tribunal Resolution" urges President Obama to use the voice and vote of the United States at the United Nations to promote the establishment of a Syrian War Crimes Tribunal. The tribunal would investigate and prosecute the perpetrators of mass atrocities, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, regardless of whether they are members of the Syrian government or opposition factions in Syria such as the al-Nusra Front, which is accused of attacks on Christians and others.

U.S. Rep. Chris Smith (NJ-4) is the chief sponsor of the resolution.

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Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle has announced the results of her administration's crack down on illegal cigarette sales. Since taking office, the County has nearly tripled the number of inspections, going from roughly 3,000 to roughly 9,000. These inspections have resulted in nearly twice as many confiscations, totaling more than 75,000 packs of cigarettes. President Preckwinkle's administration has issued more than 3,400 citations and collected more than $1.8 million in cigarette tax fines.

"Illegal cigarette sales and smuggling represent a lucrative black-market enterprise," President Preckwinkle said. "We've seen dealers switch their focus from traditional drugs to smuggling cigarettes from places like Missouri, because it is more profitable and carries less jail time. This problem is not limited to one part of the country or one type of business. The county is inspecting small gas stations, night clubs, bars, and big box stores."

The Department of Revenue has used a combined strategy of field intelligence, anonymous tips and cooperation with other law enforcement agencies to target businesses believed to be skirting the law.

Cigarette tax enforcement continues to be one of the bright spots in the county's budget. In 2014, the County expects to bring in $133 million in tobacco tax revenue, a nearly $8 million increase from our preliminary budget estimates. Since taking office, the President's administration has reduced average annual tobacco tax revenue declines from 14.8% to roughly 2.8%, and expects almost no decline in 2014. In the coming months the Department of Revenue plans to build on its success by expanding enforcement efforts for other tobacco products, the liquor tax and the gasoline tax.

President Preckwinkle also acknowledged the critical role the public plays in rooting out illegal cigarette sales. In 2011, the County created the Cigarette Rewards Program, which allows residents to provide tips to the Department of Revenue. If a tip leads to a confiscation and the violators pay their fines, the county issues individual rewards ranging from $250 to $1,000. In two years, 42 people have been eligible for rewards totaling $15,750.

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State Rep. Bob Rita, in partnership with Township Assessor-Elect Fred Biloute and Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Larry R. Rogers will host a Property Tax Appeal Seminar this Thursday, Sept. 26th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The seminar will be held at the Calumet Township Community Center, 2335 S. Ashland Ave. in Calumet Park. For more information call (708) 388-0000.

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Cook County Commissioner John P. Daley, Alderman James Balcer, and Water District Commissioner Patrick Daley Thompson will co-host an event benefiting the 11th Ward Democratic Party on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at U.S. Cellular Field. Tickets are $150 per person. Call 773-254-6677 for more information.

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The 3rd Annual Bears Bash, featuring the Chicago Bears vs. the Detroit Lions will be held on Sunday, Sept. 29th at Sullivan's Irish Pub, 4660 W. 147th St. in Midlothian. Tickets are $35 each which includes 4 hour open bar, food at halftime, raffles and more. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., game at noon. For tickets call (708) 429-6015 or email sunny2k@aol.com or purchase online at www.parklawn.com/events. Proceeds benefit Duncan Maurkas and her friends with developmental disabilities at Park Lawn. ($20 of ticket price is donated to Park Lawn.)

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Worth Township Assessor John Z. Toscas announced that he is hosting an Assessment Appeal Seminar conducted by Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Dan Pallak. The seminar will be held Monday, Sept. 30th at 6 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Worth Township Town Hall, 11601 S. Pulaski Road in Alsip. Commissioner Pallak's staff and Assessor Toscas' staff will be on hand to assist residents with filing an appeal.

The Board of Review filing dates are open through Oct. 22. Assessor Toscas' staff will assist all Worth Township homeowners with filing a 2013 Real Estate Assessed Valuation Complaint and research comparable properties through Oct. 16.

All Worth Township homeowners are invited to attend the Seminar. Homeowners need to bring in their Property Identification Number (PIN).

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Committeeman Sam Sarome reminded All Points that the Palos Township Regular Democratic Organization will hold its 19th annual dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 9th at the Lexington House, 7717 W. 95th St. in Hickory Hills. This year's dinner is dedicated to the support of the organized men and women of various union organizations. Guest Speaker for the evening will be Tom Vallanova, President of the Cook County Building Trades Council.

Tickets are $60 each and reservations are appreciated. For more information call (708) 233-6010.

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State Rep. Fran Hurley, D-Chicago, is encouraging constituents to support local businesses and buy locally grown produce through the "Eat Local, Buy Illinois Products Day" program she helped pass into law. The program will help stimulate the Illinois economy by encouraging residents to buy food grown by Illinois farmers and eating at restaurants that serve locally grown food.

"Setting aside a day each month to bring attention to Illinois businesses and products is one way I am working to encourage job growth locally and promote a healthy and sustainable lifestyle," Hurley said. "I hope that individuals will purchase locally grown products which in turn support our Illinois businesses and farmers and subsequently helps boost local economies."

House Bill 1773, which Hurley sponsored in the House, designates the first Saturday of every month as "Eat Local, Buy Illinois Products Day." The program is intended to promote local food initiatives, Illinois agribusinesses, and to encourage residents to re-invest in the local economy.

According to the Illinois Department of Agriculture, if each household would designate just $10 a week for Illinois products it would generate around $2.4 billion for the Illinois economy. The next "Eat Local, Buy Illinois Products Day" will be on Saturday, [illegible]

For more information, call Rep. Hurley's office at (773) 138-9128.

# Charges Following Conviction Integrity Investigations

The Cook County State's Attorney's Office has dismissed felony convictions against two men who were charged and convicted of murder and sexual assault in separate cases following comprehensive re-investigations of the cases by the State's Attorney's Conviction Integrity Unit, State's Attorney Anita Alvarez announced.

Prosecutors from the Conviction Integrity Unit have dismissed the convictions of Lutherial Boyd, 47, of Chicago, and Carl Chatman, 58, also of Chicago. Both men have been in prison since their convictions and are expected to be released later today.

The Boyd and Chatman cases bring to five the total number of convictions that have been dismissed since Alvarez created the Conviction Integrity Unit last year.

Boyd was charged in connection with a street shooting that occurred in the early morning hours of Feb. 24, 1990 near 1800 N. Clark Street in Chicago. A single gunman approached Michael Fleming and Ricky Warner, who were selling drugs on the street, and fired several times, killing Fleming instantly and wounding Warner, who was shot in the neck and paralyzed. Three other individuals who were standing or walking by were also shot but not seriously injured.

Boyd was convicted of First Degree Murder and Attempted First Degree Murder on Oct. 24, 1990 and eventually sentenced to 82 years in prison, where he has remained since that time.

According to Alvarez, the Boyd conviction was dismissed based upon a number of factors, including:

- When he learned he was a suspect in the case, Boyd voluntarily went to the police station without an attorney and participated in a line-up. Nine eyewitnesses to the shooting viewed the line-up and not one of them identified Boyd as the shooter. However, this evidence was never introduced or raised in Boyd's defense at trial.
- The second shooting victim, who was the only witness who claimed to positively identify Boyd, provided inconsistent statements regarding his ability and to see and identify the shooter when questioned by police and in testimony at trial.

Carl Chatman was charged with Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault in connection with an alleged attack on a Cook County employee in the Richard J. Daley Center on the morning of May 24, 2002 in a courtroom office on the 21st floor. Chatman was convicted of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault on March 4, 2004 and subsequently sentenced to 30 years in prison, where he has remained since that time.

According to Alvarez, the Chatman conviction was also dismissed based upon a number of factors, including:

- The Conviction Integrity Review led to the discovery of a potential witness that had not previously been contacted by police or prosecutors. This person was a Cook County Deputy Sheriff who had arrived at work early and was sleeping in a nearby room a very short distance from where the alleged attack occurred. Although the complaining witness testified that she had cried out for help and fought loudly with Chapman during the attack, the Deputy Sheriff heard no noise whatsoever. The Deputy Sheriff was never interviewed in the criminal investigation and the information he provided was apparently unknown and never introduced at Chatman's trial.

Throughout the course of their incarceration, both Boyd and Chatman had filed appeals and post conviction petitions that were ultimately denied by the courts. Neither had any litigation pending and they had essentially exhausted their legal appeal options when the cases were undertaken and reviewed by the State's Attorney's Conviction Integrity Unit.

# Citizenship Day Celebration

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White recently held the state's fifth official U.S. Constitution and Citizenship Day Celebration. Seventy-seven people from 27 countries were sworn-in as citizens at the celebration.

The event, which included a Naturalization Ceremony, a parade of flags and musical selections, was held at Richard J. Daley Plaza. U.S. District Court Judge Samuel Der-Yeghiayan presided over the Naturalization Ceremony.

Over the past five years, more than 450 people from over 65 countries have been sworn-in as citizens during this ceremony. White honored the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for its assistance to the new citizens.

Mai Martinez, anchor from CBS 2, served as emcee for the event. The U.S. Navy Band provided musical performances. Officials from the U.S. District Court and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services participated in the ceremony. Also, Bugles Across America, the Joint Service Color Guard, Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) and Patton JROTC Academy participated in the ceremony.

# *Mount Assisi Student Learns The Sky's The Limit*

**Mount Assisi Academy was invited to attend Lewis University's Aviation Camp for girls. The camp encourages high school aged women the opportunity to explore all the exciting possibilities available in the field of aviation.**

**During this clinic, Haleigh Biernacki (left) and the other girls attended a flight simulator class, learned the parts of the plane and their functions, and toured the tower for air traffic controls. Haleigh won a free hour flight with Pilot Megan (right). With the assistance of Pilot Megan, Haleigh was able to fly the plane over her Aunt's house in Plainfield. She really enjoyed seeing the view from the sky and hopes to attend more clinics at Lewis University.**

**Women in Aviation, International is dedicated to the advancement and encouragement of women in the field of aviation. Chicago's Leading Edge, a local chapter of Women in Aviation, International is hosting this educational outreach event in hopes of inspiring young high school females to develop an interest in aviation. This event is sponsored and supported by Lewis University.**

**Haleigh Biernacki is a junior at Mount Assisi Academy. She resides in Hickory Hills.**

# Italian Heritage Month Courthouse Tours

Circuit Court of Cook County Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans announced the Annual Italian Heritage Month Courthouse Tours of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., will take place on Thursday, Oct. 17, beginning at 10 a.m.

The Daley Center is the main courthouse for the Circuit Court of Cook County, one of the nation's largest unified court systems. Tour highlights will include a visit to a courtroom to observe a civil trial in progress, an informal question and answer session with a judge and the opportunity to meet with bar association representatives.

Tour participants also receive a copy of the court's informational guide which outlines the structure of the Circuit Court of Cook County, explains the basics of trial proceedings, and includes a directory of court and county services.

Tour reservations are recommended. Individuals or groups planning on attending the Annual Italian Heritage Month Courthouse Tours should contact Milissa Pacelli of the Circuit Court of Cook County's Public Affairs Office at (312) 603-1927 on or before Friday, Oct. 11. Tours are limited to persons age ten and older, with a limit of 35 persons to a group.

Co-sponsoring the tours are the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans and the Justinian Society of Lawyers. For more information about courthouse tours and general information on the Circuit Court of Cook County, visit www.cookcountycourt.org.


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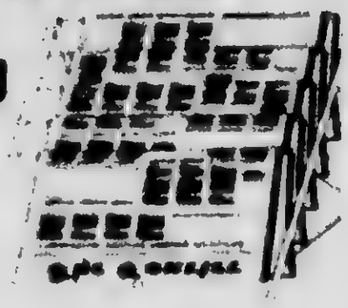

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# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## CLASS REUNIONS

St. Gerald School – is holding a reunion for graduates from the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s on Saturday, Sept. 28th beginning with Mass at 6:30 p.m. in the church, followed by a celebration in the Jonathon Collins Activity Center, 93rd and Central Ave. in Oak Lawn. Tickets are $35 per person for food, drink and music. Download ticket order form at www.stgerald.com or contact Debbie Janicke at (708) 422-2194.

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Mount Assisi Academy – Class of 1963 reunion will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5th at noon at 13800 Main Street in Lemont. Contact Carrie Peters for information or to register call (630) 257-7844, ext. 223.

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Kelly High school – Class of January 1964 is planning a 50-year reunion and is looking for classmates. Contact William Malesky at bmalesky@comcast.net or (630) 220-[illegible] Laura Bednarek at ten laura@comcast.net or (815) 467-9534 or Gerald LaMarge at glalarge@comcast.net or (630) 887-9371.

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St. Leo Grade School – Class of 1963 is planning a 50th class reunion in September. Contact stleogradeschool1963@gmail.com.

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Mother of Sorrows High School on Blue Island – All class reunion will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19th from 7 to 11 p.m. at Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th St. in Merrionette Park. Email contact information to tapati72@aol.com or Tammy Donegan Price (Class of 1981) http://www.moscallclassreunion2013.myevent.com or cell (708) 670-4497 to leave your contact information.

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St. George (in Tinley Park) – Looking for classmates from St. George class of 1973 for a reunion planned for Oct. 5th. If you are from this class or know someone who was, contact Lori Galina Schmeski at lschmeski@hotmail.com or Cynthia Labay Cosenza at cosenza@gmail.com.

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St. Leo Grade School – Class of 1953 is planning a 60th anniversary class reunion in October. Contact Bill Gibbons (708) 229-7644; Jim Aldworth (312) 938-3412; or ginnyallyballs@comcast.net.

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Oak Forest High School – Class of 1983 reunion will be held Friday, Sept. 27th and Saturday, Sept. 28th. On Sept. 27th, at the Blarney Stone Pub, at 9 p.m. after the Homecoming Game (Sophomore, 8 p.m., Varsity, 7 p.m.) at Oak Forest High School. Contact Reunion information reservation form or Krista (Kaletas) Attreau at krista.attreau@att.net. Update your contact information by emailing your (maiden name also), street address and email address to alumni@sd228.com.

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St. Bernadette Parish Reunion – The reunion will begin with a special Mass at 4 p.m. at St. Bernadette Church in Evergreen Park on Saturday, Oct. 5th. All family, friends, and alumni of the parish and school are welcome to attend. A special alumni choir is being formed to sing at this Mass. If you are interested in participating in the choir, contact Tom McNamara at tmcnama2@gmail.com.

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Oak Forest High School – Class of 1977 is in the planning stages of a 36-year reunion at the Homecoming Game on Sept. 27th and an evening event, to be announced, on Sept. 28th. Join Facebook's "Oak Forest High School, Class of 1977."

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Bremen High School – Class of 1963 is planning a reunion on Sept. 21st at Bartolini's Restaurant in Midlothian with a school tour at 2:30 p.m., appetizers at Bartolini's at 5 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Contact Roger Tracy at roger@tracy.com or bhsclass63@yahoo.com.

## Gage Park Class Reunion

Gage Park Class of 1968 is seeking graduates of the Class of 1968 for its 45th reunion on Friday, Nov. 8th from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Cog Hill Country Club, in the Elite Great Room, 12294 Archer Ave., Lemont.

Tickets are $65 per person and include dinner and live entertainment by "Afterglow." There will be a cash bar. For tickets make check payable to Maureen Mormann Simpson and send to her at 881 Skyline Drive, Batavia, IL 60510 by Oct. 1st.

For more information call Maureen Mormann Simpson (Class Vice President) at (630) 326-0881 or Marilyn Kozlowski Kuranis at (815) 534-5414.

## "Murder Most Romantic" Dinner & Show

Murder becomes a very novel and hysterical idea in Murder Mysteries Plus's new comedy "Murder Most Romantic" playing Oct. 25th, 26th and 27th at Jenny's Steak House, 11041 S. Menard in Chicago Ridge. This fun-filled interactive murder mystery includes dinner as well as the performance. Audience members have a chance to win prizes and guess who did what to whom. Performances are Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. Tickets are $48 per person plus tax and service (2 drink minimum). Groups of 6 or more receive a discount.

This interactive show keeps you engaged at every moment. Romance novelist Ruthie Lavonne's secretary, Elizabeth Wilkins, and movie star Grant Wilding fall for something more than just love. Between the romance novelist, her publicist, the ex-wife, goofy photographers, the playboy actor, a love-struck secretary, washed up writers and the security officer, you are sure to be entertained all evening long!

For more information call Jenny's at (708) 229-2272.

## Fundraiser Event

The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima is sponsoring its First Annual Gala Fund Raiser Event on Thursday, Oct. 12th at the Noonan Academy (9131 Harris Drive, Mokena). The event will begin at 5 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. The price of a ticket will be $50 per person and $250 for a table of six.

Past President Color a Victorio will be honored. Father Apostoli CFR will be special host on EWTN and author of "Fatima for Today" will be the guest speaker and will talk about the Urgent Marian Messages of Hope. There will be a silent auction to help raise funds to support the Blue Army and promote Our Lady's Messages of Fatima.

RSVP by Thursday, Oct. 3rd by contacting Tom Dunn at (708) 420-6721 or by tdnd27@hotmail.com. Those who are unable to attend but would like to support a worthy cause may send monetary donations to The Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, 13811 S. Western Ave., Blue Island, IL 60406.

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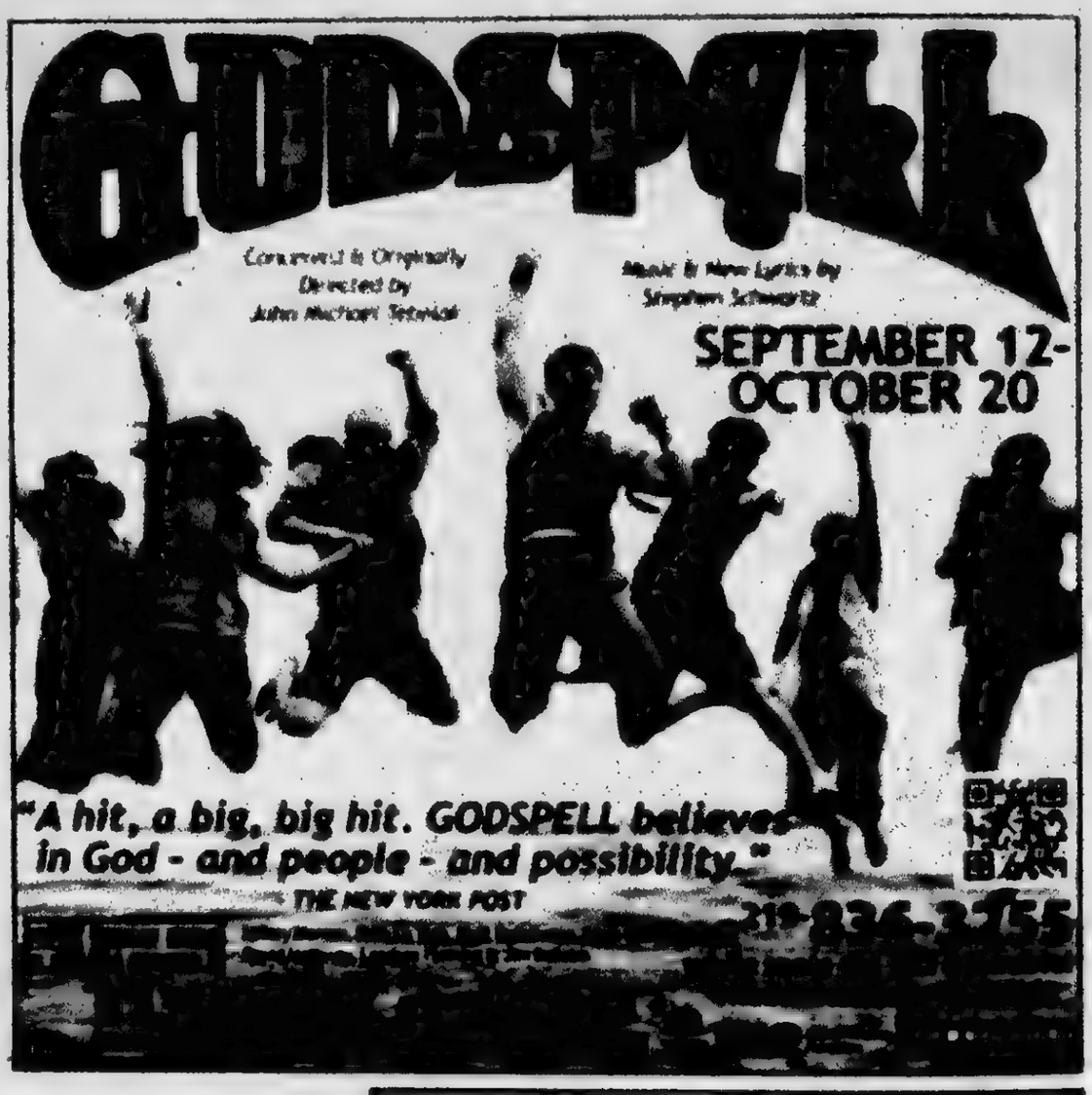


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## *Southwest Symphony Orchestra Features Pianist Tomasz Robak*

**The Southwest Symphony Orchestra kicks off its "Golden Anniversary" season with a concert titled *Timeless Melodies* at 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 6, in the Ozinga Auditorium of Trinity Christian College, 6601 W. College Dr. (Rt.83), Palos Heights. Concert pianist Tomasz Robak, featured on WFMT's "Introductions and Impromptu" series, is the soloist for Grieg's *Piano Concerto in A minor*. Repertoire also includes *The Moldau* and *Four Dance Episodes* from Copland's *Rodeo*. Tickets, from $5 to $25, can be purchased in advance at (708) 802-0686, and on line at www.southwestsymphony.com, or at the door. Seniors pay $15. Children 12 and under are free. Instrumentalists wishing to audition for the Symphony should call the number above.**

**This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.**

**The not-for-profit Southwest Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1962 and serves audiences throughout Chicago's southside and southwestern suburbs. Learn more at www.southwestsymphony.com, by email at southwestsymphony@gmail.com, by calling (708-802-0686, and on Facebook.**

# St. Bernadette To Host All-Parish Reunion

St. Bernadette Parish in Evergreen Park will be hosting a reunion for all current and former parishioners, as well as school alumni. The reunion will begin with Mass at 4 p.m. in St. Bernadette Church. A special choir is being formed to sing at this Mass. Any alumni or parishioners who are either singers or musicians may contact (708) 422-8995 or stbernadettereunion2013@gmail.com.

Following Mass, dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. There will be a professional photographer in O'Brien Hall, who will be taking photographs by class. Tours of the school, led by current parent ambassadors, will also be given from 6 to 8 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the band Radical Oak, beginning at 7:30 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Tickets are currently on sale through the parish website at www.stbernadettechurch.org/reunion. Tickets may also be purchased by calling the parish rectory at (708) 422-8995. Tickets cost $35 or $50 at the door, and will include dinner and two free beverage tickets. Additional beverages of pop, beer and wine will be available for purchase. The price of the tickets at the door will be reduced to $25 after 8 p.m., but will not include dinner or drink tickets. However, pizza will be provided after 10 p.m. Since dinner and drinks will be served at the reunion, no outside food or beverages will be permitted. You must be 21 or over to attend the reunion.

If you have any further questions, you can contact the rectory at (708) 422-8995 or contact them via e-mail at stbernadettereunion2013@gmail.com.

# "JumpstART Your Weekend"

**The South Suburban Small Business Association (SSSBA) is hosting a "JumpstART Your Weekend" event at South Suburban College (SSC) on Thursday, Oct 3rd from 5:30 to 7 p.m. This event will showcase the South Suburban Chorale.**

**The "JumpstART Your Weekend" events offer business members of the SSSBA an informal introduction to some of the south suburbs' most fascinating and thought-provoking arts organizations. The events are hosted on the first Thursday of the month.**

**The 130-voice South Suburban Chorale has established itself as one of the premiere singing ensembles of the Chicago Southland. Under the direction of SSC's own music faculty member, Albert M. Jackson, the Chorale has performed in concerts throughout the Chicago south suburbs and Northwest Indiana, presenting major works such as Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, Carl Orff's Carmina Burana, Mozart's Grand Mass in C minor, Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise, the Mozart Requiem and Bernstein's Mass. This season the Chorale is joined by the Chicago Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra to perform the magnificent Brahms Requiem.**

**The cost to attend this "JumpstART Your Weekend" event is just $5 and includes refreshments and entertainment. RSVP to Mr. Jackson at (708) 596-2000 ext. 2349, ajackson@ssc.edu. South Suburban College is located at 15800 S. State St., South Holland, Illinois.**

# Annual Boo! At The The Zoo Howloween Celebration

Guests of all ages are sure to have a howlin' good time. Even the scaredy-(big) cats at Brookfield Zoo's annual Boo! at the Zoo. The fun-filled Halloween celebration, featuring a corn maze, special Zoo Chats, haunted trackides, pumpkin-carving demonstrations, and a costume parade and contest, takes place on Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 19 and 20 and October 26 and 27, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

A Halloween event would not be complete without creeps crawlers. Staff will be sharing interesting facts about some of the animals during special Zoo Chats throughout each weekend. Guests can flap over to Australia House to learn about the Rodrigues fruit bats at 11:30 a.m., scuttle to The Swamp at 12:30 p.m. to learn about spiders, and then have a hoot of a time at Hamill Family Play Zoo for an owl Zoo Chat at 1 p.m. (weather permitting). Afterwards, creep over to Feathers and Scales at 2 p.m. to learn about scorpions, slither to Reptiles and Birds for a snake Zoo Chat at 2:30 p.m., and howl at the Zoo Chat about the Mexican gray wolves at 3 p.m. at Great Bear Wilderness.

Zookeepers will also give tasty, nutritious pumpkins to some of the animals at 11 a.m. each day so they can share in the Halloween fun. The rhinos will get pumpkins on Oct. 19, the orangutans on Oct. 20; the sloth bears, polar bears, and grizzly bears on Oct. 26, and the lions on Oct. 27.

On the West Mall, ghosts and goblins of all ages can cheer for the pumpkin or cheer on the "Pumpkin Smasher," who will be crushing the orange gourds into hundreds of pieces every hour on the hour starting at 11 a.m. Professional pumpkin carver Steve Dahlke, who will use a variety of tools to create masterpieces out of gigantic pumpkins, will be carving 1,000-pound jack-o'-lanterns. During his demonstrations, guests can pick up some tips on carving their own pumpkins.

If they dare, families can try to find their way out of the 7,000-square-foot Dino Track corn maze located on the East Mall. While there, guests can enter a drawing during the first weekend for the chance to win a seven-night grand prize trip with airfare for two to Montego Bay, Jamaica courtesy of the Jamaica Tourist Board, Sunset Beach, and Apple Vacations. (The winner will be announced on Sunday, Oct. 20 and does not have to be present to win.)

At 1 p.m. each day, the zoo's ever popular Boo! at the Zoo costume parade kicks off just north of The Carousel. Prior to the parade on Oct. 19, members of "Danceassociation" Dance Class will be performing to Michael Jackson's "Thriller." The following weekend, on Oct. 27, dancers from DLD Dance Center of Downers Grove also will be performing to Michael Jackson's "Thriller," as well as "Monster" and "Ghost."

Joining in the Halloween festivities will be several local groups that will be leading the costume parade, including members of the S.T.A.T. of Illinois Baton Dance Team on Oct. 19, cheerleaders from Evergreen Park Community High School on Oct. 20, the Riverside-Brookfield High School Poms on Oct. 26, and members of the Silver Knights Baton Corps and DLD Dance Center on Oct. 27.

Afterwards, guests of all ages can show off their Halloween attire in the Costume Showcase beginning at 1:30 p.m. on the East Mall. Judges will choose winners in four categories: scariest, best animal theme, most original, and best group theme. Prizes are courtesy of Radio Flyer and Jamaica Tourist Board.

Families looking for not-too-scary thrills can take a haunted hayride, take a spin on the "Haunted Carousel," build a scarecrow at Hamill Family Play Zoo, decorate spooky cookies, or carve jack-o'-lanterns to take home (additional fees apply for all). Pumpkin patches located on the North, South, and West Malls will be available for photo opportunities so guests can remember their Halloween visit.

Zoogoers can visit Dinosaurs Alive! one last time before the prehistoric creatures go extinct on Oct. 27. The exhibit of epic proportions, presented by Dominick's, features 24 life-size animatronic dinosaurs, including Styracosaurus, Tuojiangosaurus, and Pachycephalosaurus, as well as some with feathers, such as Microraptor and Gigantoraptor.

Admission to Brookfield Zoo is $15 for adults and $10.50 for children ages 3-11 and seniors 65 and older. Parking is $10. For further information about Boo! at the Zoo activities, visit www.CZS.org/Events or call (708) 688-8000.

# Academy Of Our Lady/Longwood Alumnae Reunion

The Academy of Our Lady/Longwood High School Alumnae Association will sponsor its Reunion 2013 on Saturday, Oct. 5.

AOL alumnae will assemble from 5 to 10 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Oak Lawn Hotel, 94th and Cicero Avenue, Oak Lawn. Hors d'oeuvres will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $50 (cash bar). Proceeds will assist the Alumnae Office. All AOL alumnae are invited to attend the Reunion events. Graduation classes of years ending in 3 and 8 will sit together and will be saluted for their milestone anniversaries. AOL memorabilia may be purchased at the Reunion. Five-year-anniversary class photos will be taken and may be ordered. Reservations will increase to $55 after Sept. 29.

As part of the Reunion weekend, Alumnae may visit the former AOL campus at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, for a short prayer service at the Lourdes Grotto followed by a tour of the buildings. (Entry to the campus, now the Chicago International Charter School-Longwood campus, is from Loomis Street, south of 95th Street.)

Reservations are required for the evening Reunion but not for the morning campus visit.

For more Reunion information, call the AOL Alumnae Office, (773) 445-2300, or visit the website www.AcademyOfOurLadyAlumnae.org.

AOL alumna Marijat Donovan will perform her one-woman show, "Ask Mrs. Honey B., Certified Life Coach," at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, in Hackman Hall, 97th and Throop Sts., a fundraiser for the School Sisters of Notre Dame, former AOL administrators. A silent auction at 1 p.m. will precede the performance. Tickets are $35 general reserved and $125 premium reserved, the latter including a 12:30 p.m. VIP reception. Tickets may be ordered online at www.amssnd.org. For more SSND fundraiser information, call Angela Allegretti at (708) 583-2402, ext. 268.

Alumnae who wish to take advantage of a group rate of $129 plus tax, single or double, for Reunion Weekend sleeping rooms at the Hilton Oak Lawn may access a link on the AOL website or call Hilton reservations at 800-445-7928 by Sept. 14 and mention the Academy of Our Lady High School Reunion on Oct. 5. The Hilton's phone number is (708) 425-7800.

Founded by the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1874 as a Catholic school for girls, the Academy of Our Lady/Longwood closed in 1999. The goal of the AOL Alumnae Association is to keep Longwood's spirit alive among its alumnae and to foster support of current SSND ministries.


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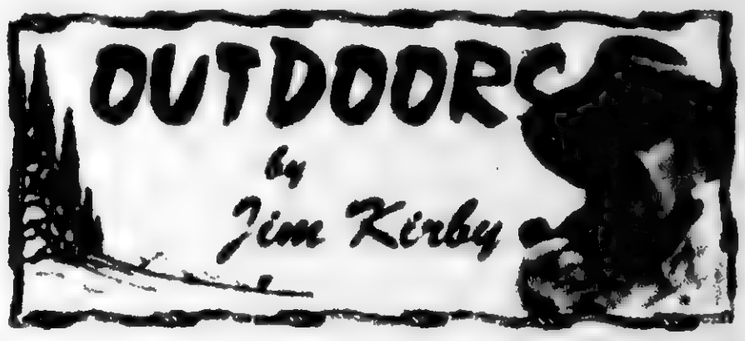


**AN EVENT SURE TO PLEASE EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY** This weekend celebrates Northern Illinois Annual Hunting and Fishing Days as designated by President Richard Nixon in recognition of the role America's Sportsmen have played in the preservation and restoration of our natural resources.

This celebration will take place at beautiful Silver Springs State Park in nearby Yorkville. The activities are free and family participation is encouraged. The two-day event is Saturday and Sunday, this weekend Sept. 28-29, rain or shine at 13608 Fox Road, Naperville.

Some of the offerings are: *80 plus vendors. *Food court. *Casting demos in a giant 5,000 gallon fish tank. *Hunting, fishing and dog training seminars. *Outdoor Women's seminars. *RVs, ATVs, Boats and Campers. *Hands-on activities for all ages. *Trap range. *Archery range Kids casting area. *BB Gun range. *Paddle a canoe. *Fly tying and Fly casting. *Stocked Kids Fishing Pond. *Kids fishing tournament. *Muzzleloader demonstration and more! For more information go to www.NIHD.org or call (708) 275-1719.

Kirby comment: *A few years back I took my teenage granddaughters on Saturday. They had so much fun, we had to go back with a few of their friends on Sunday.*

**●OUTDOOR CALENDAR: Sept. 28-29** Northern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days Celebration. (see above article). ***Sept. 28-29** Hunter Safety Course, Mokena Park District, (708) 390-2469. **Oct. 6**, Annual Chicken Shoot, Palos Sportsmen's Club 24100 So. Harlem Ave. Frankfort, Illinois (815) 469-4446. A rare occasion where the club is open to the public! Bring your shotgun, shoot some clay pigeons, get ready for the hunting season, and maybe win a chicken or two. ***Oct. 12-13** Youth Firearm Season.

**●USE OF FIRARMS FOR SELF-DEFENSE IS IMPORTANT CRIME DETERRENT** "Self-defense can be an important crime deterrent," says a new report by the Centers for Disease Control. The $ 10 million study was commissioned by President Obama as one of 23 executive orders he signed.

"Studies that directly assessed the effect of actual defensive uses of guns (i.e., incidents in which a gun was used by the crime victim in the sense of attacking or threatening an offender) have consistently lower injury rates among gun-using crime victims compared with victims who used other self-protective strategies." The CDC study entitled "Priorities to Reduce the Threat of Firearm-related Violence," states (at NSNews, *Great Lakes Basin Sports*).

**●REGIONAL OUTDOOR REPORTS: Cook County:** Sept. 28: Commissioner Schneider's Fishing Derby, 9 a.m.-noon at Busse Woods, with friends and family. Bring your gear. No fishing license required. Register at (847) 640-1652. *Panfish, bass and even walleyes and northern pike getting active for the fall feeding build-up, all Forest Preserve Lakes and Ponds. *Perch fishing picking up along the Lake Michigan shoreline, harbors and piers.

***Illinois:** New Hunting and Trapping Digest for 2013-2014 is now available at license and permit vendors and online in PDF format at this link: www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Documents/HuntTrapDigest.pdf. Don't even think of going afield with out reviewing the rules and regulations! ***Controlled Pheasant Permits:** Information is now available online for hunters to apply for 2013-14 Illinois controlled pheasant hunting opportunities available at 19 IDNR sites. For application information, go to www.dnr.illinois.gov or www.imilitia.com.

***Michigan:** Looking for a great place to hunt on public land? Start by using the *Mi Hunt* interactive mapping tool to find over 9.9 million acres of public land open to hunting. Be sure to watch the tutorial sessions to get the most out of this mapping application. Maps can be printed in color and viewed at the level where users can search for sought after tree species. *Looking to hunt on private land? The *Hunting Access Program (HAP)* opens an additional 143 properties where landowners allow public access.

***Wisconsin:** Mother Nature is back for her compelling annual fall color tour, starring one of the state's fiercest economic powerhouses – the tree. And the best part is the admission – free! While the annual color show is always a huge attraction for the thousands who flock to Wisconsin, and contribute to the state's strong tourist industry, it's the state's forest industry that is the basis of the show.

It's all orchestrated by Mother Nature using the state's 16 million acres of forests. When they're not turning colors for all to 'ooh and aah' about, the trees help contribute $2 billion annually in forest industry wages.

**●THINK ABOUT IT:** I'm often asked why I'm so quiet. *Years ago I realized I never learned anything while talking, only when I was listening.* (Jim Kirby quote)

**●E-mail Jim Kirby:** kirbyoutdoors@sbcglobal.net

## Fall Trout Fishing Season Opens Oct. 19

The 2013 Illinois fall trout fishing season opens on Saturday, Oct. 19 at 43 ponds and lakes throughout the state, including several new locations in Cook, McHenry and Will counties.

Approximately 75,000 trout are stocked by IDNR just prior to the opening of the fall trout season. The Illinois catchable trout program is funded entirely by those who use the program through the sale of inland trout stamps.

Anglers are reminded that no trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites from Oct. 1 until the fall trout season opens on Oct. 19 at 5 a.m.

To take trout legally beginning Oct. 19, anglers must have a fishing license and an inland trout stamp, unless they are under the age of 16, blind or disabled, or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. The daily catch limit for each angler is five trout.

Anglers are reminded to check the opening time of their favorite trout fishing location if they plan to go fishing on opening day. While regulations allow trout season to open at 5 a.m. on Oct. 19, not all locations are open that early.

For more information on fall trout season and other Illinois fishing opportunities, check the web site at www.fishillinois.org.

Illinois fishing licenses and inland trout stamps are available at DNR Direct license and permit locations, including many bait shops, sporting goods stores and other retail outlets.

Fishing licenses and trout stamps can also be purchased by using a credit card through DNR Direct online via the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov or by calling toll-free at 1-888-6PERMIT (1-888-673-7648).

## NFL Football Basics

Learn the fundamentals of America's #1 sport, NFL Football on Saturday, Oct 19th at 11 a.m. at the Midlothian Public Library, 14701 S. Kenton Ave. Robin Beavers and Donna Ferrell both knowledgeable, lifelong and die-hard football fans will provide a humorous, fun, informative and interactive program. Register online at www.midlothianlibrary.org or call the Reference Desk at (708) 535-2027.

Participants will learn the basics of America's #1 sport, NFL Football, as well as how to watch, understand, and appreciate a professional football game. Knowing the rules, terminology, positions, scoring, keys to the game and cool tidbits will help you walk the walk and talk the talk with football-savvy friends and family. Get off the sideline and get into the game!

# Marist Wins Mt. Assisi Golf Invitational

**The Marist Girls Golf Team won the Mt Assisi Golf Invitational on Sept. 21st at Cog Hill #1. Marist posted a team score of 387 led by Ashley Kay 2nd Place, Kaitlyn Maloney 6th place, Sam Smith 8th Place and Kelly Barker 9th Place.**

**Pictured: (back row) Kaitlyn Maloney, Emily McIntosh and Sam Smith; (front row) Kelly Barker, Ashley Kay and Anna Schieber.**

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# *Mount Assisi Academy Events*

Mount Assisi Academy, Rockin' The Hill – Fall Fun Fest. 5th-8th grade girls ONLY, will be held on Friday, Oct. 4th from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Help Mount Assisi Academy discover the next "it" all boy' band. Make sure you reserve your front-row seats for you and your friends! You won't want to miss out on all the fun. RSVP to Mrs. Tadros at mtadros@mtassisi.org or call 630-257-7844, ext. 239.

Mount Assisi Academy will hold an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 20th from 1 to 3 p.m. at the school, 13800 Main Street in Lemont. Mount Assisi Academy prepares high school girls to be the next generation of Catholic women leaders. Come be part of their family!

A Vendor and Craft Fair will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Dawn Koenig if you would like to purchase a vendor craft table. koenigd1@comcast.net. Come and spend the day shopping with all your favorite vendors and crafters.

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# Lincoln Family Letters Donated

A collection of documents from Abraham Lincoln's son, daughter-in-law and descendants has been donated to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. The donation from the widow of a prominent Lincoln scholar also includes a 1786 letter from Patrick Henry.

The 77 documents are a gift from Betty J. Hickey, widow of Jim Hickey. He was curator of the state's Lincoln collection from 1958 until his retirement in 1986.

Ten different Lincoln family members are represented in this donation, including Robert Lincoln, his wife, Mary Harlan Lincoln, and their children and grandchildren.

Two themes emerge from the family letters.

One is the wealthy Robert Lincoln's generosity to family and friends. For instance, he sent checks to his aunt Emily Todd Helm, and stayed in touch with other Todd family members who fell on hard times in the South after the Civil War.

The other theme is the pull of Robert Lincoln's Vermont home, Hildene, as the center of Lincoln family life in the 20th century. Robert's children and grandchildren often returned to Hildene for extended periods. It was the home of Peggy Beckwith – his last granddaughter and Abraham Lincoln's great granddaughter – until her death in 1975.

The donation includes an 1823 legal document by the father of Mary Todd Lincoln, as well as two charming personal notes from First Lady Lou Hoover, wife of President Herbert Hoover, to Mary Harlan Lincoln. Five governors of Illinois are also in the collection.

The documents offer glimpses into the personal lives of a family living in the shadow of Abraham Lincoln. They reveal pet names like Mazzy, Bugeye, Petticoat and Twin. They show the status of Robert Lincoln's wife, aka "Mamie," as the family's beloved matriarch. They include one grandchild's poetry and another's story of a youthful car accident.

Jim Hickey grew up on a farm in Logan County, Illinois, and served as an aerial photographer in the South Pacific during most of World War II. In 1958, he became curator of the Lincoln Collection at what was then known as the Illinois State Historical Library. His many travels and deep interest in history account for some non-Lincoln items he acquired, including the letter by Patrick "Give Me Liberty, or Give Me Death" Henry, writing from Virginia in 1786 to the governor of Georgia.

Eileen Mackevich, director of the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, praised Hickey and other collectors of his generation.

"Their love of Lincoln was nearly equaled by their belief in the mission of the Illinois State Historical Library to ensure future generations could enjoy the thrill of seeing original documents written by Lincoln, his family and his aides – the people who made history," Mackevich said.

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## Host Wine & Spirits Tasting

De La Salle Institute's Parent Association will be hosting its First Wine and Spirits Tasting Event on Oct. 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. in Hansley Hall located at De La Salle's Institute Campus for Young Men at 3434 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago.

The evening will include a live jazz band, silent auction, lots of vendors, a cigar-rolling station, delicious wines, scotch, bourbon and beer samplings. The cost is $25 per person or $30 per person with a souvenir De La Salle glass.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.eventsforsomething.com or through the De La Salle app on your smartphone.

This [illegible] and all proceeds will benefit the students and programs of De La Salle Institute.

[illegible] contact Lisa Ann Lavender, De La Salle's Director of Advancement, at [illegible] or alavender@dls.org.

## 2nd Annual Symposium

The College of Education and College of Health and Human Services at Governors State University will sponsor the 2nd annual Symposium on Mindfulness and Higher Education on Friday, Nov. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at GSU.

Participants will learn how to incorporate mindful meditation and practices into academic, clinical and social settings through presentations, panel discussions, workshops and experiential exercises. 50 CEUs are available for psychologists, counselors and social work professionals.

This event is free of charge and open to the public; meals are not included.

Online registration is required by October 19 at http://www.governors.edu/cbhs/mindfulnessReg. For more information, contact Dr. Marisela Zell, mzell@governors.edu.

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# Health & Nutrition

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## BRINGING HEALTHY MOUTHS TO LIFE

Having a healthy mouth requires time and attention. We look at our faces and mouths in the mirror, brush and floss our teeth, and remind our children to brush and floss their own.

Why then, according to the people at Oral Health America, is tooth decay the number one most childhood disease in the US? Children lose over 51 million school hours and adults lose over 164 work hours per year over dental-related illnesses. A public opinion survey by Oral Health America found that over 80 percent of adults are unaware of the role that infectious bacteria can play in tooth decay or cavities.

### *THE LINK TO OVERALL WELLNESS*

Changes in your oral health can affect your overall health. Research shows that mouth problems can create other health problems. Cavities and gum diseases are caused by germs that we can pass on to our family and friends. Gum disease is linked to blood sugar problems in diabetics, as well as heart disease, stroke, premature birth, and an increased risk of other infections.

Caring for your mouth requires active partnership, with our dental care providers, between parents and children, and among caregivers and individuals with limited mobility. Do not expect that young children will be able to brush on their own. This is a life-long practice that can take a number of years to master, so make brushing a fun part of every day and praise your children for taking care of their mouths!

Good daily dental care habits, making healthy food choices, avoiding tobacco use, and keeping regular dental appointments will keep us on track to better oral health. Communities have a responsibility, too, by recognizing oral health's importance to overall health, and supporting programs and policies that make it possible for everyone to obtain the dental care that they need.

According to former US Surgeon General Regina Benjamin, "you can't be healthy without good oral health." The next time you remind your children to brush their teeth, let them know why. And speak up for oral health services and education in your schools and townships.

For more information on resources available to you, go to www.oralhealthamerica.org.

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# "Late Night Catechism Las Vegas" Show

Due to popular demand, Moraine Valley Community College has added a matinee performance of "Late Nite Catechism Las Vegas: Sister Rolls the Dice" on Saturday, Jan. 18th. The show will be at 3 p.m., in the Dorothy Menker Theater, in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. Tickets are $25 for the general public and $20 for seniors and students.

"Late Night Catechism Las Vegas: Sister Rolls the Dice" is the latest class in the sinfully funny Catechism series. The convent needs a new roof, so the order has decided Sister (with her extensive gambling experience running church bingo for the last 25 years) will organize a Las Vegas Night. Sister will tackle topics ranging from magicians and show girls to live animal acts and the dangers of drive-through marriage chapels.

Sister is played by Mary Beth Burns, a native Chicagoan who was raised North Side Irish Catholic. She graduated from The Second City training center in 1996 and went on to perform with their national touring company. She has performed nationally and locally in the "Late Night Catechism" series since 2005. She is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and has appeared in several commercials and industrial films.

Tickets to "Late Nite Catechism Las Vegas: Sister Rolls the Dice" and other upcoming performances can be purchased at *morainevalley.edu/fpac*, by calling (708) 974-5500, or at the Box Office located on the south end of the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

# 2013 Flu Prevention Efforts

The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced over 60 special flu vaccination clinics to be held in communities across Chicago through Dec. 14th. These clinics will provide free flu shots as part of the city's ongoing efforts to help residents stay healthy this flu season. To make these clinics easy to find, CDPH also launched an updated version of its online Flu Clinic Finder that pinpoints CDPH clinics by zip code.

The Flu Clinic Finder is an interactive web app created by local web developer Tom Kompare that includes the locations, contact information and hours of operation for all CDPH's community-based flu vaccination clinics and CDPH's Fast-Track Immunization Clinics. CDPH also plans to add local retail pharmacy locations to the app.

For best protection against the flu, CDPH recommends every individual over the age of six months get a flu shot before the flu season starts. In addition, CDPH recommends that residents first contact their primary health care provider to get a flu shot. For those without healthcare providers or whose healthcare providers do not administer flu shots, residents can visit a retail pharmacy or go to their local CDPH flu vaccination clinic.

CDPH flu vaccination clinics provide flu shots to Chicagoans six months of age and older at no cost to the individual. Senior citizens should present their Medicare card. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Flu shots are important for health care workers and anyone who lives with or cares for anyone at increased risk for flu complications including infants, pregnant women, senior citizens and people with chronic health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease or lung disease.

Because the flu vaccine is made from egg products, people who are allergic to eggs should get their flu vaccines from their health care provider.

In addition to getting a flu shot, Chicagoans also can follow these simple steps to avoid the flu:

* Wash hands often with soap and water.
* Regularly clean commonly touched surfaces such as countertops, tables, doorknobs, telephones and TV, stereo remote controls.
* Don't share cups, straws or anything that goes in the mouth.
* Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing.
* Stay home when sick.

CDPH flu vaccinations and the Flu Clinic Finder are just a few of the flu prevention initiatives CDPH will roll out this year. Next month, the department will launch its new flu prevention advertising campaign featuring local professional athletes. CDPH also will kick off its annual Family Flu Days in October and is helping lead a statewide initiative called Vaccinate Illinois Week in mid-December.

For more information on flu resources residents can call 3-1-1 or visit www.CityOfChicago.org/FLU.

# Little Brothers Search For Lost Photos

Imagine the devastation of losing every single picture that you ever had of your child. For Willie C., an elderly Chicago woman, that isn't something she has to imagine – it's what has happened to her. During a recent hospitalization she lost all of her photos of her daughter Jacqueline, who passed away in 2011. The Young Professionals Advisory Board (YPAB) of local nonprofit Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly is on the hunt for any existing photos of Jacqueline, and inviting the public to join the search.

"Of all the possessions Willie lost during that time, the loss of the photos of Jacqueline is the thing that bothers her the most," said Allison Disney, YPAB President. "If there are any photos out there, we want to find them." The YPAB is leading the search, reaching out across social media and following up on potential leads.

Jacqueline Brown was born in 1959, and graduated from Whitney Young Magnet School in 1978. She was hearing impaired. She worked for Rubenstein Cosmetics. Over her life time, she lived in the 100 N. Central block, 1900 Fillmore block, and 8500 S. Phillips block in Chicago. Late in her life, she began going by "Hattie May Brown" instead of Jacqueline.

Any information could prove helpful. Any person who has information, or wants to help in the search is invited to contact Little Brothers at general@littlebrotherschicago.org, call (312) 455-1000 or connect via Facebook or Twitter (@LBFchicago).

Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization in Chicago committed to relieving isolation and loneliness among the elderly by offering friendship and socialization opportunities. All services are free and open to seniors over the age of 70, regardless of income. Elders can attend programs, such as coffee club or movie showings, at LBFF headquarters or have volunteers spend time in their homes. The organization began operating in 1959 and serves more than 1,300 elders throughout the city. To learn more, visit www.littlebrotherschicago.org or call (312) 455-1000.

# Healthcare Patients May Be At Risk Of Identity Theft

Scambook, the Internet's leading consumer advocacy platform, is warning the public that an estimated 4 million Chicago-area healthcare patients may be at risk of identity theft after a privacy breach occurred at the Illinois company Advocate Health Care. This comes to light after the company had four computers stolen in July that held private patient information including Social Security numbers, addresses, and dates of birth, all of which can be sold on the black market to create identities.

Advocate Health Care is facing a class action lawsuit for this privacy breach of Personally Identifiable Information (PII). In return for this breach, they are providing patients with a year of free credit monitoring service to keep an eye on financial transactions carried out in the individual's name and to help spot fraudulent account activity.

Scambook advises all consumers worried about similar situations to heed to the following tips:

1. Be proactive about identity theft. It is important to know the potential damage identity theft can cause. Researching different situations will impart how important it is to keep personal information safe.
2. Know how to fix the problem. Individuals who know which steps to take once identity theft occurs will be better prepared should it happen.
3. Be mindful of personal information distributed. Social Security numbers should only be provided when absolutely necessary and through safe, secure modes.
4. Be aware of service breaches. Knowing when a company has been breached will enable consumers to take action right away.
5. Check credit reports for suspicious activity. Services such as AnnualCreditReport.com provide credit reports that can help spot fraudulent changes in an account's activity.

For more information visit Scambook.com.

# Millions To Participate In National Earthquake Drill

At 10:17 a.m. on Oct. 17, millions of people in 37 states, the District of Columbia and portions of several countries are expected to 'Drop, Cover and Hold On' as they participate in the Great U.S. ShakeOut earthquake drill. The event will mark the first time states across the U.S. will join together in the drill designed to raise awareness about earthquake risks and the ways people can stay safe when the ground starts shaking.

Illinois has participated in ShakeOut drills for the past three years as part of the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut. In Feb. 2013, more than 570,000 people in Illinois registered for the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut, which also included the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma and Tennessee. To date, more than 186,000 people in Illinois are registered for the October drill.

"We're excited to be part of the national effort to raise awareness of earthquake safety," said IEMA Director Jonathon Monken. "The drill takes just a few minutes, but the lessons learned could save countless lives."

Monken noted that the most powerful earthquakes to ever occur in the U.S. happened a little more than 200 years ago in the New Madrid Seismic Zone, which reaches into southern Illinois. That series of earthquakes lasted for several months and shaking was felt as far away as the East Coast.

Schools, businesses, government agencies, families and others are encouraged to register to participate in the drill at www.shakeout.org/centralus. Registered participants will receive additional information about the drill and earthquake preparedness. While the multi-state drill will take place on Oct. 17, individual drills can be conducted anytime within two weeks of that date.

The drill focuses on the "Drop, Cover and Hold On" protective actions people should take when an earthquake begins: "Drop" down to the floor, take "Cover" under a sturdy desk, table or other furniture, and "Hold On" to the furniture item and be prepared to move with it until the shaking stops.

Additional information about the earthquake risk in Illinois and steps to take before, during and after an earthquake is available at www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

## OAK LAWN POLICE CALLS

On Sept. 4, a victim reported that he was robbed by two men posing as police officers in the 9800 block of South Parkside. The victim reported that he had turned south onto Parkside when a dark vehicle began driving toward him and suddenly turned, blocking his path. Two men exited the vehicle and they were wearing dark clothes and some type of badge. They told him they were undercover officers. They asked for his license and registration. When the victim took out his wallet, the offenders snatched his wallet. After a few minutes, the wallet was returned, but $47 was missing.

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On Sept. 5, Alexis S. Stademeyer of Oak Lawn and Apollo D. Brandl of Chicago were arrested. Stademeyer was charged with prostitution after she was picked up by undercover officers who had arranged to meet her at the Oak Lawn Hilton during a sting operation. Brandl was charged with promoting prostitution, which is a felony, after police found him in the driver's seat of the car that Stademeyer had just gotten out of. Police said that he admitted to driving her to the hotel.

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On Sept. 5, Marcos Garcia of Chicago was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to signal when required, improper lane usage, driving without insurance and violating a median after a traffic stop at 92nd and Cicero.

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On Sept. 5, Michael J. Mollo of Oak Lawn was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, endangering the welfare of a child, driving without insurance and disobeying a stop sign after a traffic stop at 95th Street and 50th Court. It was reported that he almost caused an accident with the child in the car.

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On Sept. 9, a 1996 Dodge pick-up truck was stolen from the alley in the 5100 block of West 95th Street while the owner was unloading tools from the back. The vehicle owner said that he left the keys in the ignition and the truck running while he was unloading the truck. As he was doing this, someone entered the vehicle and drove away.

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On Sept. 10, Ernestina Rubio of Chicago was arrested for speeding and driving without a license after a traffic stop in the 9600 block of Southwest Highway. It was reported that she was driving 60 mph in a 30 mph zone.

# Shepard Announces 33 A.P. Scholars

**Shepard High School proudly announces that 33 of its current students or May 2013 graduates qualified as Advanced Placement Scholars.**

**The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on AP exams.**

**The College Board honors outstanding performances on AP exams with several levels of recognition.**

**The following earned the A.P. Scholar Award, which they earned by completing three or more AP examinations with grades of 3 (the minimum score that qualifies for college credit, on a scale of 1 to 5): Alexandria Albrecht, Tristan Busch, Joe Cullinan, Ryley Fanning, Corey Galvin, Trenton Hettlinger, Jamal Jackson, Robert Jatho, Jason Krysik, Abigail Leeper, Jordan Loman, Michael McIntyre, Joey Molley, Jasmine Ortega, Mitchell Pearl, Jamie Pieroth, Amanda Potenberg, Tyler Streje, Christian Wallace, Abigail Walters, Sydney Warre, Taylor Warren, Janek Wasag, and Nicholas Zaiker.**

**The following students qualified as an A.P. Scholar with Honor for passing four tests with an average of at least 3.25: Hussein Al-Rashdan, Kim Kosman, Enrique Montoya, Torin Pena, and Michael Peretz.**

**Finally, Hannah Jarman, Kyle Jasik, Samantha Korsak, and Emily Marzalek qualified for the A.P. Scholar with Distinction award for averaging at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more exams.**

**Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP Exams. More than 1,400 institutions award a full year's credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades.**

**ents from Shepard High School qualified as Advanced Placement Scholars this year. Pictured are the current seniors who earned A.P. Scholar, A.P. Scholar with Honor, or A.P. Scholar with Distinction awards.**


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# Organize First Chess Club For Local Youth

Stickney Township organized the first Stickney Township Chess Club (STCC) summer camp and tournament this past August and plans to hold the event annually. Ten local kids, ages seven to 12, participated.

"The goal of the chess camp was to introduce area youth to chess strategy, good sportsmanship and chess tournament decorum," stated Michael Lemon, the camp director.

Camp attendees were given tournament sets and logbooks, all the necessary equipment to continue to compete in chess tournaments in the future. The camp was run by the STCC with help from Oak Lawn Senior Chess Club and South Chicago Suburban Chess Club volunteers.

The first, second and third place winners of the tournament – Joshua Rusu, Mateusz Gacek and Nathan Regalado – received medals and all camp attendees received completion certificates.

"We're very proud of all the kids that participated in the program," said Louis S. Viverito, Township Supervisor. "We hope they've picked up skills that will be helpful for them in the future."

The STCC meets every non-holiday Monday from noon to 1:30 at the Louis S. Viverito Senior Center, 7745 S. Leamington Ave. in Burbank. There is no membership charge and there are no age restrictions. Playing equipment & instruction are provided at meetings free of charge. Visit stickney-chess.org for more information.

# Assessment Appeal Seminar

Worth Township Assessor John Z. Toscas announced that he is hosting an Assessment Appeal Seminar conducted by Commissioner Dan Patlak, Cook County Board of Review. The seminar is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 30th at 6 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Worth Township Town Hall, 11601 S. Pulaski Road in Alsip. Commissioner Patlak's staff and Assessor Toscas' staff will be on hand to assist residents with filing an appeal.

The Board of Review filing dates are Sept. 23rd through Oct. 22nd. Assessor Toscas' staff will assist all Worth Township homeowners with filing a 2013 Real Estate Assessed Valuation Complaint and research comparable properties through Oct. 16th.

All Worth Township homeowners are invited to attend the seminar. Homeowners just need to bring in their Property Identification Number (PIN). The deadline for filing the complaint in Assessor Toscas' office is Wednesday, Oct. 16th.

# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Army Cadet Tyler J. Billings has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Billings is a student at the University of Wyoming, Laramie. He is the son of Catherine Billings of Evergreen Park. Billings graduated in 2008 from Marist High School in Chicago.

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Federal officials looking to engage younger Veterans and quickly return them to civilian employment chose to pay for an innovative social media program by the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). The pilot program could become a best-practices model to be used nationwide, according to Governor Pat Quinn. The program called Army UCX emphasizes social media channels to connect Veterans with IDES employment services and the state's help-wanted job board, *Illinoisjoblink.com*. Recently discharged Veterans qualify for unemployment insurance and the federally designated UCX acronym indicates Unemployment Compensation Ex-Military.

IDES is charged with delivering re-employment services to Veterans and helped 17,000 Veterans find meaningful employment last year. The Veteran unemployment rate in Illinois is lower than the national rate. In 2012, the state rate was 6.8 percent and the national rate was 7.0 percent. Nationwide, however, the unemployment rate for Gulf War II Veterans between the ages of 18 and 24 is significantly higher at 20.4 percent. A comparable state rate is not available.

Veterans can access personalized UCX services through *Illinoisjoblink.com*. The state's hiring board features more than 120,000 help-wanted ads. Job seekers can build multiple resumes to emphasize different skills and experiences. Business owners can use keyword-matching technology to search resumes and find the best candidate. *Illinoisjoblink.com* is free at the website and at (877) 342-7533.

Illinois was chosen because it was among the first states to propose a comprehensive outreach strategy built around social media. Although social media channels have been key components of private-sector campaigns, the tool remains relatively new to the military's hierarchal structure that benefits greatly from tradition and personal communication and whose leaders were not exposed to the technology when they entered the service. Army UCX is in line with other Illinois and IDES efforts.

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The Oak Forest Veterans Commission will host re-enactments of the War of 1812 and the Napoleonic wars on Saturday, Sept. 28th and Sunday, Sept. 29th at the Oak Fest Grounds, 157th and Lorel Ave. Although the campsite will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. battles will take place at noon (War of 1812) and 3 p.m. (Napoleonic) each day.

At the campsite, visitors are invited to find out what life was like in 1812 by interacting with the re-enactors, who will host a period dance with caller for the public on Saturday at 7 p.m. In addition, visitors can learn how coffee is made from bean to brew and watch as a pewter caster creates his wares, which will be available for purchase. A representative from the Acorn Library also plans on stopping by to set up a bookstand with relevant reading materials.

For more information, call (708) 687-4050, email cityofoakforest@oak-forest.org or visit www.oak-forest.org.

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The Veterans Day National Committee has selected Blue Island as a regional site for the celebration of Veterans Day 2013. Blue Island is the only regional site selected thus far in Illinois and one of only 65 in the entire nation.

The Veterans Day National Committee, comprised of various national veterans and military organizations, selects a number of regional sites for Veterans Day observances throughout the country. From parades and ceremonies, to military exhibits and tributes to distinguished veterans, these events serve as models for other communities to follow in planning their own observances.

Blue Island American Legion Post 50 Commander Jim Reibel was notified of Blue Island's selection in a letter sent by Dr. Tommy Sowers, assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The letter states that VA Secretary Eric Shinseki had also notified Illinois Governor Pat Quinn's office, and asked the Department of Defense to provide military liaison officers to help support Blue Island's events.

Post 50, along with the City of Blue Island, Blue Island Park District and MetroSouth Medical Center, will sponsor the fifth annual Veterans Day Parade starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9th. The parade will begin at Hart Park, 123rd and Western Ave., proceed south on Western to Union St., west on Union to Highland Ave., and north on Highland to Memorial Park, at 128th St. A classic car show and military vehicle exhibit will take place at the park immediately after the parade. Refreshments and entertainment will also be available at the Park.

The theme of this year's parade is "Welcome Home." In addition to the parade, Post 50 will conduct its annual Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11th at Veterans Plaza, Western Ave. at Grove St. The public is invited to attend.

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Quote of the Week: Food for thought is no substitute for the real thing. – Walt Kelly

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Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.

# Offer Knitting Classes At The Center

The Log Cabin Center for the Arts, 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park, will offer six-week knitting classes on Monday evenings beginning Oct. 7th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and on Friday mornings beginning Nov. 1st from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Master knitter Georgann Ring welcomes both beginners and experienced knitters to her classes. Beginners will learn to use the knit and purl stitches, to cast on and bind off, to manage simple increases and decreases, and to read a simple pattern while competing their first two knitting projects, a dishcloth and then a scarf. Ring will help those with experience to choose individual projects and to learn more advanced knitting skills.

The class fee is $84. Beginning students should bring a fall of Sugar n' Cream yarn in a light solid color and a pair of size US 9/5.5mm, preferably aluminum, knitting needles to the first class. After the first project, students will purchase yarns and patterns after consultation with the instructor. Advance registration is required. Call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

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# Applaud Expansion Of Video Interrogation

The State of Illinois on Aug. 20th enacted a new law that will expand the practice of recording custodial interrogations with the goal of protecting law enforcement officers and the suspects being interrogated by ensuring that confessions are given willfully, accurately and without coercion, a measure supported by the Office of Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez.

Governor Pat Quinn signed Senate Bill 1006 which requires that custodial interrogations for eight new felony crimes must now be recorded in order for information gathered during the questioning to be admissible in court. The law, which applies to statements made at a police station or other place of detention, will be phased in over the next three years, introducing two new felony charges by June of 2014 and then adding three additional charges in June of 2015 and three additional charges by June of 2016.

In July of 2005, Illinois enacted a law requiring that all police interrogations of suspects in homicide cases be recorded. Since that time, while "recording" is all that has been required under the law, most if not all police departments actually video record interrogations in murder investigations.

Alvarez said her office has strongly supported the video recording of homicide interrogations and confessions and she supports expansion of videotaping for other serious felony offenses to ensure that the highest standards of conviction integrity are upheld.

Crimes that will be included in the new law's expansion include Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault and Aggravated Arson (to be implemented by June, 2014), Home Invasion, Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking, Aggravated Kidnapping (to be implemented by June, 2015) and Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault, Armed Robbery and Aggravated Battery with a Firearm (to be implemented by June, 2016).

Alvarez thanked Governor Quinn and all of the bill sponsors for their support in getting the new law enacted.

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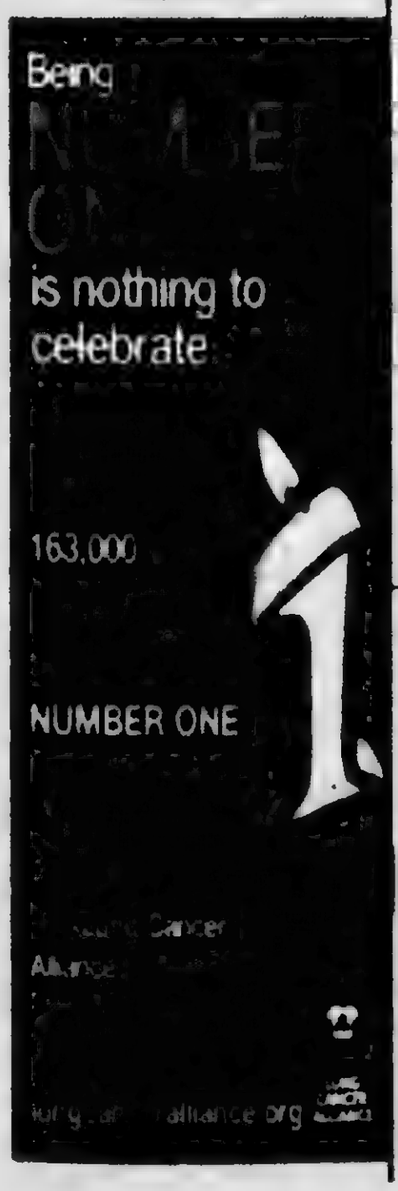


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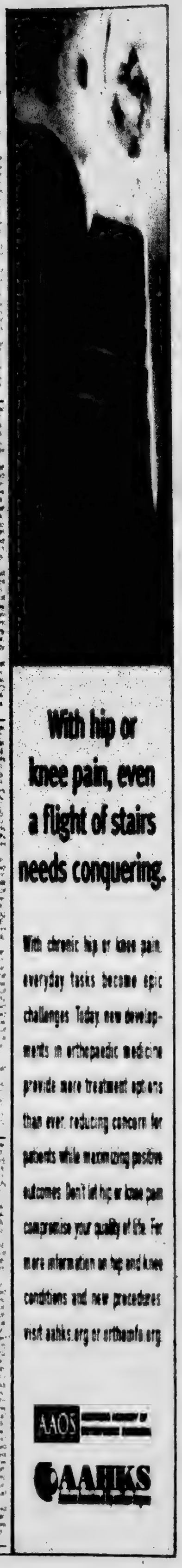

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Alsip, Illinois, that sealed bids will be received for the following improvement

To furnish and install [illegible] hundred twelve Amana [illegible] according to the specifications

Said bids will be received up to the hour of 1:00 p.m. on [illegible] at the Village Hall, 4500 W. 123rd Street, [illegible] and will be publicly opened at the Village Hall at [illegible]

Specifications are available at the Village Hall in the Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 [illegible] Monday through Friday

No bid shall be withdrawn after the opening of the proposals without the consent of the Village of Alsip for a period of thirty (30) days after the scheduled time of closing bids

The successful bidder for the improvement will be required to furnish a performance bond in a sum equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the bid, with sureties to be approved by the Village of Alsip, which surety bonds shall be conditioned upon proper and faithful performance by the contractor of the work specified in accordance with the conditions of the contract, and also that the bidder and contractor shall properly pay all debts incurred by him in the performance of the work, including those for labor and material furnished

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Not less than the prevailing wage shall be paid for labor on the work to be done as required by law

The Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Alsip reserve the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any technicalities and to make any necessary decisions that are in the best interest of the Village of Alsip

Dated this 26th day of September, 2013
Mayor and Board of Trustees
Village of Alsip
Cook County, IL

Deborah L. Venhuizen
Village Clerk

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To furnish and install fourteen (14) new roofs and fourteen (14) sets of gutters with drops and extensions at Alsip Heritage I, according to the specifications

Said bids will be received up to the hour of 1:00 p.m. on October 7, 2013 at the Village Hall, 4500 W. 123rd Street, Alsip, IL and will be publicly opened at the Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. on October 7, 2013

Specifications are available at the Village Hall in the Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

All proposals or bids offered must be accompanied by a certified check, payable to the Village of Alsip or a bid bond in the amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the aggregate of the proposal

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# Southwest Area Obituaries

### Peter Buwalda

Services will be held at the Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Thursday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Peter Buwalda, a U.S Navy Veteran He was the husband of the late Margaret

He is survived by his daughter Susan (Robert) Hornung, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and his sister Florence Roeda

### Debra L. Bulkema

Services were held Orland Park Christian Reformed Church, Orland Park, on Monday, for Debra L Bulkema, 58, of Orland Park

She is survived by her husband William R. Jr., her sons Kevin (Michelle), Keith (Cara), Randy and Ryan, one grandchild, and her siblings Linda (William) Hoekstra, Larry Hanenburg, Daniel (Marilyn) Hanenburg, Paul Hanenburg and Peggy (Scott) Homerding

### Walter C. Dohl

Services will be held at St Stephen Lutheran Church, 14700 Kildare Avenue, Midlothian, at 10 a.m. with interment at Bethania Cemetery, for Walter C Dohl, 87, of Posen He was a railroad engineer with the Illinois Central for 48 years He also served as the Mayor of Posen for four years and during the 50s and 60s as the police magistrate He was also president of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, the president of the Posen-Robbins School District, the president of Bremen Youth Commission, an active member of the Republican Party, the president of Dohl Development Corp and the owner of Paris Landing (TN) KOA Campground. He was the husband of the late Virgene.

He is survived by his children Susan Taylor, W. Calvin (Joan), and David (Mary Jo), eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and his sisters Carolyn Lash and Joyce Czajkowski

### Jolene M. Churak

Mass was said at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, on Monday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Jolene M. Churak, 64 She was the Director of Citizens' Services of Evergreen Park. She also served as Chairman of the Evergreen Park Republican Party and Chairman of the Evergreen Park Food Pantry and was active in many other roles throughout her community.

She is survived by her husband Vincent P., her children Maribeth and Joseph V Churak and her brother Michael (Kay) Toolan.

### Stella Guzaski

Services were held in Orland Park, on Wednesday, for Stella Guzaski, 95, of Orland Park, formerly of Tinley Park, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery She was the wife of the late William V

She is survived by her children William R (Ingrid), Robert M (Harriet), and Marilyn B (Dr John) Kalamaras, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren

### Calvin A. Heine

Services were held at the McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, on Saturday, with interment at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, for Calvin A Heine, 80, of Frankfort, formerly of Oak Forest He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of the Carpenters Union Local 272 for more than 50 years.

He is survived by his wife Arlene, his children Len (Barb), Karen (Jack) Perniano, and Lisa (Dave) Carroll, ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren

### Elizabeth S. Henney

Services were held at the Zimmerman and Sandeman Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Thursday, with interment at St Casimir Cemetery, for Elizabeth S. "Betty" Henney

She is survived by her husband Ronald Henney, her children Ron and Eric (Kristin) Henney, three grandchildren, her sister Judy Williams and her brothers Danny (Carol) and Dave Akers.

### Marjorie E. Koehler

Services were held at the Kroeger Funeral Home, Blue Island, on Saturday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Marjorie E Koehler, 97, of Blue Island. She was the wife of the late Leonard.

She is survived by her daughter Barbara Kennerley, three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren

### William H. Patton

Services will be held at the Lawn Funeral Home, 7732 W. 159th Street in Orland Park, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 26th, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for William H. "Liam" Patton, 68. He was a Vietnam Army Veteran He was a member of the Chicago Royal Airs Drum and Bugle Corps and the Cantigny American Legion Post #556.

He is survived by his children Renee (Ken) Koznarski and William (Rhonda) Patton, nine grandchildren and his brother James (Adele) Patton.

### John J. Pusateri

Mass was said at St Alexander Church, Palos Heights, on Friday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for John J. Pusateri. He was the owner of Pusateri's Chicago Pizza in Stuart, FL

He is survived by his wife Pamela, his children Christopher and Tara Pusateri, his mother Louise and his brothers David and James (Debra) Pusateri

### Richard K. Schultz Sr.

Services were held at the McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, on Thursday, September 19th, with a private interment for Richard K Schultz Sr., 75, of Tinley Park, formerly of Oak Forest. He was a 57 year member of IBEW Local 134

He is survived by his wife LaVerne M., his children Annmarie (Steve) Mampe, Bill (Karla) Schultz and Rick (Dawn) Schultz, Jr., seven grandchildren, and his sister Kathy

### Nicola P. Vogelgesang

Services were held at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Friday, with a private interment, for Nicola P. Vogelgesang, 60, of Oak Forest.

She is survived by her husband Michael, her daughter Megan, her mother Charlotte A. Peel, her sisters Victoria Peel, Moira Peel and Jennifer Peel and her brother Mark (Frances) Peel.

### Geraldine R. Watson

Services were held at the Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Friday, September 19th, with a private interment for Geraldine R. "Jerry" Watson, 86, of Oak Forest and Elk Grove Village. She retired in 1990 after years of teaching at Springfield School in Midlothian.

She is survived by her husband John "Jack" Watson, her children Doug (Ann) Watson, Linda (Jim) Gillespie, Jill McInerney, Laurel (Bob) Leiser and five grandchildren

### Elizabeth A. Wind

A Memorial Service was held at All Saints Lutheran Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with inurnment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Elizabeth A. "Betty" Wind, 85. She was the wife of the late William P. Wind.

She is survived by her children Bonnie (Pete) Streicher, Beth (Eric) Nielsen, Brad (Peggy) Wind and Steven Wind, ten grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and her sister Helen Greenlee.


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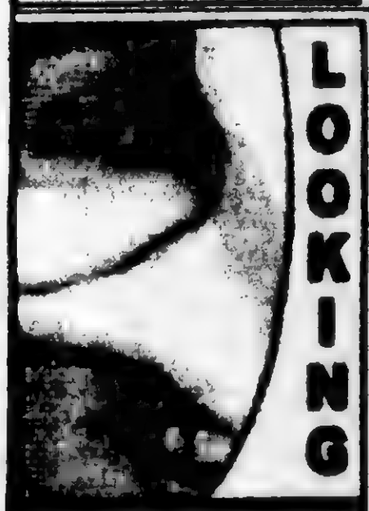

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# *Chick-fil-A® Ribbon Cutting*

**Oak Lawn Chamber Members and Chicago Ridge Village Officials gathered on Thursday, Sept. 26th to welcome Chick-fil-A to Chicago Ridge. Chicago Ridge Mayor Charles Tokar cut the ribbon to officially open the new location at 9600 S. Ridgeland Ave.**

**Chicago Ridge's first Chick-fil-A® restaurant will bring more than 85 new jobs and the chance for 100 adults to win free Chick-fil-A meals for a year as the chain reaches the 10th anniversary of its signature grand opening celebration.**

**Peter Glanvill has been selected as the franchised Operator of the new Chicago Ridge Chick-fil-A. Glanvill moved his family from South Africa to the United States 16 years ago in pursuit of the American Dream, hoping to become a successful entrepreneur in his new homeland. With a marketing degree from his native Johannesburg, Glanvill arrived, immediately became involved in the local community and it was through local events that he became familiar with Chick-fil-A. After spending time with other operators and studying the brand, Glanvill decided it was a perfect fit for his dreams of owning a business and pursued the operator opportunity. "Our focus on freshly prepared food and personal customer service is as central to our new restaurant as it was the day Truett opened his first Chick-fil-A location," said Glanvill. "That commitment continues for me and my team members at our new Chicago Ridge home. We encourage the community to support this new business as well as all local business.**

**For more information on th first Chicago Ridge Chick-fil-A restaurant, visit www.cfarrestaurant.com/chicagoridge or find the restaurant on Facebook at Chick-fil-A at Chicago Ridge.**

# Present Ben Franklin Dinner

Actor R.J. Lindsey will portray Benjamin, Franklin on Sunday, Oct. 13th following a 5:30 dinner at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

Professional actor Lindsey will give a first-person historical dramatization of Franklin as the wise old man of American politics, science and wit. With a wink and a smile, Lindsey, as "Ben", will tell stories of his youth and his inventions (such as the lightning rod, stove, bifocals, swim fins, volunteer fire departments, and lending libraries) as well as the court intrigues, Congressional jealousies, and his dealings with the British, Dutch and French during our country's early years.

Lindsey is performing as part of the Emerson Hill series at The Center. The evening will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by the performance at 6:30 p.m. The evening cost is $18 per person and requires advance reservations. For reservations and further information, call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

## Annual Business Showcase And Health Fair

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will host the 14th Annual Business Showcase & Health Fair on Saturday, Oct. 19th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Oak Lawn Community High School. Many businesses are expected to participate by showcasing their various products and services.

Flu shots will be available from Advantage Pharmacy for a fee, along with free blood glucose testing and blood pressure screen. They will also have a full spectrum of healthcare providers, financial & banking representatives, home improvement specialist and more.

"The Chamber encourages area residents to 'Shop Oak Lawn First!' and the Business Showcase presents an ideal opportunity to meet with local business owners and learn more about their businesses and what they have to offer," says Karen Boll, Past Chamber President.

New this year, the Oak Lawn Chamber will be collecting canned goods dry goods for the local food pantry for those less fortunate. Stop by their table to drop off your donation.

The Business Showcase is held in conjunction with the Fall Arts and Crafts Fair, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher School Association. The Oak Lawn Chamber will use a portion of the proceeds from the Showcase to provide college scholarships to eligible Oak Lawn Community seniors.

For more information, or for an exhibitor application, call the Chamber office at 708-424-8100 or email office@oaklawnchamber.com. Booth fees are $85 for Chamber members and $150 for non-members.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 4 - Friday - Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski - 12:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 5 - Saturday - District 117 "Trustee In Training" Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon

OCTOBER 7 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 7 - Monday - Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 8 - Tuesday - OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 8 - Tuesday - Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 8 - Tuesday - VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 9 - Wednesday - Farmers Market, Dumke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 am. to 1 p.m. (Every Wednesday)

OCTOBER 9 - Wednesday - Free Blood Pressure Screenings, Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95th St., 10 to 11 a.m.

OCTOBER 9 - Wednesday - Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 10 - Thursday - Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 10 - Thursday - Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 14 - Monday - Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 15 - Tuesday - Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 15 - Tuesday - OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, Lower Level Rotary Room, 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 15 - Tuesday - Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 16 - Wednesday - Final Farmers Market, Dumke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 am. to 1 p.m.

OCTOBER 16 - Wednesday - Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room 119, 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 17 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 19 - Saturday - Holiday Craft Show and Business Showcase, OLCHS PTSA, 9400 Southwest Highway, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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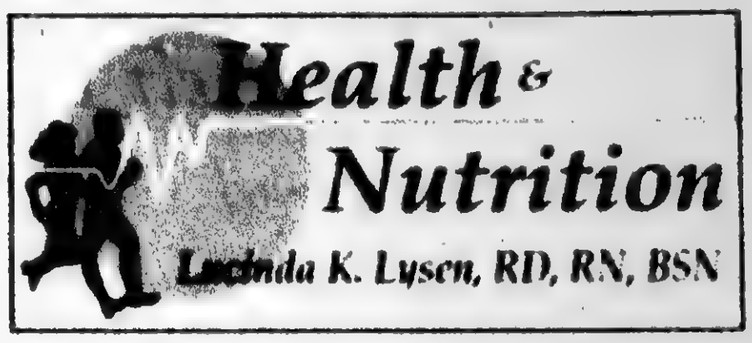


Ms. Lysen is currently on vacation. Her column will resume upon her return.

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# Medicare Open Enrollment Seminar

Palos Township SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) counselors will sponsor an Open Enrollment Seminar for Medicare Parts A, B, C and Part D, as well as Medicare Supplemental Insurance. It will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Palos Township, 10802 S. Roberts Road in Palos Hills. The seminar coincides with the Open Enrollment Period which runs from Oct. 15th through Dec. 7th.

Counselors will be on hand to discuss Parts A, B, C and Part D prescription drug coverage, Supplemental Ins., as well as changes to certain coverage. The SHIP counselors will also have new information on the Qualified Durable Medical Equipment Coverage, also referred as DME. This consists of items such as portable oxygen tanks, wheelchairs, diabetic testing supplies, walkers, canes, etc.

Please plan on attending this informational program. For additional information contact Palos Township at 708-598-4418.

# Run Or Walk The Halloween Hustle

Join other walkers and runners for the Halloween Hustle 5K at Moraine Valley Community College on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Check-in starts at 8:30 a.m. and the race begins at 9:15 a.m. between Buildings C and D on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. The race will take runners twice and walkers once around the perimeter path encircling the campus.

Participation in the 5K, or 3.1-mile jaunt, is free and open to the community, ages 16 and older. Refreshments will be provided following the event, and prizes will be awarded to the top male and female finishers of both the run and walk.

The event is sponsored by Moraine Valley's Health Fitness Center. Registration forms can be picked up and dropped off in the Fitness Center in Building G. Participants also can register the day of. For more information, call (708) 974-5701.

# Celebrate IBAM! Chicago 2013 Celtic Arts Rising At the IAHC

If you only get to the Irish American Heritage Center once or twice a year, try to attend The fifth annual Irish Books Arts and Music celebration, iBAM! Chicago 2013 which comes to the Irish American Heritage Center Oct. 12-13 with two special concerts October 11th and 13th. www.ibamchicago.com

This year's theme is Celtic Arts Rising and is a comprehensive weekend of Celtic culture in all its flavors and variations.

A fundraiser for the Center and its Library, iBAM! is Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 13.

iBAM! is an Irish cultural celebration that brings together as many as 100 authors, artists and musicians from North America and Ireland. The celebration features concerts, art exhibits, panel

Tim Pat Coogan discussions, poetry readings, a literary salon with author readings and music, live music, theater, dance performances and children's activities, all under one roof.

Authors will sign and sell their books on Saturday and Sunday from noon-6pm. During the day and into the evening there will be live music performances with Irish musicians from Ireland and all over North America. The Museum, Library and Art Gallery will be open for tours, exhibits and programming.

Confirmed participants include: Authors: Tim Pat Coogan, Morgan Llywelyn, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Monica Dougherty, Mary Beth Sammons, James M. O'Brien, John Shea, Cynthia Neale, Dr. Eileen Timmins, Kathy Goodman and storyteller Yvonne Healy.

Musicians: the Black Family in concert Sunday, Damian McGinty and Ben Kelly in concert Friday, Joe McShane, Jeff Ward, Cu Roi, Irish Music School of Chicago, Baal Tinne, Academy of Irish Music, harpist Aislinn Gaglardi and more.

Artists: Robert Ballagh, Thomas Joyce and Michael Carroll. Theatre: Joanna Rush presents excerpts from her one-woman play, Asking for It.

We are honored to present two special concerts during the weekend. Damian McGinty and Ben Kelly who perform on Friday, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m., and the Black Family (Mary, Frances, Shay and Michael) perform on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 5 p.m. Tickets are $35, $55 and $75 for either concert. Note: Members of area Irish clubs and organizations can take $10 off the concerts with the code: irishclubs.

On Saturday night, Oct. 12, celebrate the contributions of the Irish with the iBAM! Cocktail Party and Gala Awards Dinner in the IAHC's Erin Ballroom. iBAM! 2013 awardees include actor Brendan Coleson (performing arts), author Tim Pat Coogan (literature), the Black Family (music), artist Robert Ballagh (visual arts), and Father Jack Wall (Person of the Year).

Cocktails are at 6:30 p.m. in the Erin Room, followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a silent auction throughout the evening that include week long cottage stays in Ireland, sports memorabilia and gift baskets. Dress is black-tie optional. Dinner tickets are $125 for irishclub members and $150 for non-members.

Tickets for the daily iBAM! sessions from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday are $10 in advance and $15 at the door. Admission gets you into any of the panels, readings, lectures, film, theater, and more! A full schedule will be posted soon at www.ibamchicago.com.

Children 12 and under are free. To purchase tickets, call Irish American News at (847) 872-0700, visit www.ibamchicago.com or call the Center.

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# Rep. Rita Calls For Answers On State Lottery Contracting

State Rep. Bob Rita is calling for answers in the wake of a joint media investigation that alleges the state Lottery director helped steer business to his former company.

The Better Government Association and WBBM-TV Ch. 2 in Chicago last week reported that Jones lobbied the Lottery's private operator, Northstar Lottery Group, to give a contract worth nearly $1 [illegible] to a company that Jones formerly owned.

The report also contended that Jones initially lobbied in 2011 for a research contract to go to the company but that idea was rejected when the governor's office learned of the situation. The company then changed its name, and Jones later successfully persuaded Northstar to give it the contract — a move Northstar says it made under strong urging by Jones.

Rita, a Blue Island Democrat who now heads the House's consideration of gambling legislation, said he was troubled both by the allegations and Jones' responses to the reporters. He is asking the Legislative Audit Commission, which he sits on, to look further into this contract and a troubling audit from the summer that raised extensive questions about bookkeeping and financial management at the Lottery.

"We now have more questions than answers," Rita said. "We have worked in Springfield to tighten our contracting and lobbying laws to try to restore faith with taxpayers that we know the difference between right and wrong. Investigations like this demand better explanations. I would ask Mr. Jones to come clean about his relationship with his former firm and urge my colleagues in Springfield to take a closer look at how we can prevent these kinds of situations from happening again."

# Palos Memorial Post 1998 Membership Drive

American Legion Palos Memorial Post 1998 will be holding a membership drive during the months of October and November. The Post meets the first Monday of every month at the American Legion Hall, 11001 South Depot in Worth, at 8 p.m.

The American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veteran's service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

For information contact Mike Lulla, Sr. Vice Commander, at 708-921-5833 or mikelulla@comcast.net

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**The 1933 Violence Solution Can Work Again**

Twenty-four people were shot and three killed Thursday in Chicago. The shootings occurred two months after congressmen Bobby Rush, Danny Davis and Robin Kelly held an "emergency summit on urban violence," nearly a year after Father Pfleger summoned rival gang members to meet on a basketball court, and four months after he organized an anti-violence march and called for residents to "occupy" the streets. The shootout occurred nearly a year and a half after Rev. Corey Brooks, the "Rooftop Pastor," climbed down from the roof to trek cross-country in an anti-violence pilgrimage, and just five months after an elephant was shot in a drive-by shooting in Mississippi.

Thirteen of the 24 victims were shot in Chicago's Back-of-the-Yards "Basketball Day Shooting." 84 years and one substance prohibition after the St. Valentine's Day Massacre that killed seven at 2122 North Clark Street. The 1929 massacre of seven mob associates was part of a Prohibition-era conflict between two powerful criminal gangs in Chicago, the South Side Italian gang led by Al Capone and the North Side Irish gang led by Bugs Moran. The killings were accomplished with Thompson sub-machine guns.

The Back-of-the-Yards "Basketball Day Shooting" was a part of a neo-Prohibition-era malaise that has swept Chicago and made it the murder capital of America, dwarfing Capone gangland violence. This shooting stemmed from an ongoing dispute between rival mobsters, the Black P Stones and Gangster Disciples, and the mayhem was accomplished with military-style rifles, likely AK-47 assault rifles judging from expended shell casings.

Voices are heard announcing yet another peace march. Voices are heard calling for a renewed assault weapons ban and for more gun control. But what don't we hear?

Overlooked again and again is the real villain killer — drug prohibition that feeds the gangs, the guns and the violence.

Overlooked is the fact that Prohibition violence did not stop because sub-machine guns were outlawed (they already were) or because Capone was convicted and imprisoned (for income tax evasion). No, the violence ended only when alcohol prohibition ended. The 1933 solution can work again to stop the violence.

Yours truly,
S.S. James F. Gierach
Palos Park

# *Michael Barrett Is Honored*

**A reception will be held honoring Michael Barrett (pictured), a prominent southwest side Attorney at Law for over 20 years. The reception will take place Wednesday, Oct. 16th from 6 to 8 p.m. at Georgio's Banquets, 8800 W. 159th St. in Orland Park.**

**Barrett is the endorsed Democratic Candidate for Judge in the 15th Judicial Sub-Circuit of Cook County.**

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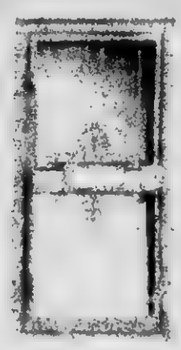

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# EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

## *Changes To Solid Waste & Recycling Ordinance Will Help Protect The Environment*

Cook County Board President Tom Preckwinkle introduced an ordinance recently that would give Cook County significant new tools and information to increase recycling, prosecute fly-dumping and reduce thefts of metal and other valuable materials from public and private property.

Overall, the proposed ordinance contains provisions designed to protect public health and safety, and build more sustainable ways to deal with waste in Cook County.

"We know that suburban Cook County generates more waste per capita than the national average, and that our recycling rate lags," Preckwinkle said. "Our ultimate goal is to turn materials into opportunities instead of liabilities and to greatly boost Cook County's recycling and waste reduction."

Environmental Committee Chair Liz Gorman (17th) and Commissioner Stanley Moore (4th) sponsored the ordinance. It was co-sponsored by Commissioners Jerry Butler (3rd), Dan Daley (2nd) and Gregg Goslin (14th).

Included in the ordinance are provisions to gather data on waste and recycling from waste haulers. It also has performance standards for landfills, transfer stations and recycling facilities to ensure that they are good environmental citizens in their communities.

The ordinance will benefit Cook County residents through:

- Collection of comprehensive data that does not now exist on the volume of waste, how much is being recycled and what is in the waste stream. This information is needed to help communities in suburban Cook County boost their recycling rates and find economic and revenue opportunities in the often-valuable materials that are now thrown away.
- More frequent inspections of landfills, waste transfer stations and composting facilities. Despite high volumes of solid waste passing through many of these facilities, and the serious environmental problems that can result, there is no local entity that regularly monitors them.
- The ordinance also includes monitoring of recycling facilities, such as junk yards, scrap collectors, compost facilities, and large industrial recycling facilities. In suburban Cook County these facilities are not regularly monitored by either state or federal governments despite conducting operations that can have a significant impact on the environment and nearby communities.
- The ability to respond quickly to complaints of toxics spills including liquids, fly dumpers, odors and other environmental issues and to enforce safety and health standards by prosecuting violations.
- Requirements on recycling facilities that make it harder for thieves to sell stolen materials – which commonly include valuable property such as manhole covers, as well as chain-link fencing, wire and building debris such as downspouts and gutters.
- A boost in community programming such as recycling opportunities, disposal for difficult to dispose of household wastes, public education on waste reduction and partnering with municipalities to seek grant and other outside resources for recycling and waste disposal.

All of Cook's neighboring counties plus the City of Chicago already regulate landfills and transfer stations in partnership with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Suburban Cook County is the only governmental entity in the five-county region that does not have such a delegation agreement with the state. Passing the ordinance would put Cook County in a position to strengthen enforcement.

## *State's Attorney Applauds Expansion Of Video Interrogations*

The State of Illinois has enacted a new law that will expand the practice of recording custodial interrogations, with the goal of protecting law enforcement officers and the suspects being interrogated by ensuring that confessions are given willfully, accurately and without coercion, a measure supported by the Office of Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez.

Governor Pat Quinn signed Senate Bill 1006 which requires that custodial interrogations for eight new felony crimes must now be recorded in order for information gathered during the questioning to be admissible in court. The law, which applies to statements made at a police station or other place of detention, will be phased in over the next three years, introducing two new felony charges by June of 2014 and then adding three additional charges in June of 2015 and three additional charges by June of 2016.

In July of 2005, Illinois enacted a law requiring that all police interrogations of suspects in homicide cases be recorded. Since that time, while "recording" is all that has been required under the law, most if not all police departments actually video record interrogations in murder investigations.

Alvarez said her office has strongly supported the video recording of homicide interrogations and confessions and she supports expansion of videotaping for other serious felony offenses to ensure that the highest standards of conviction integrity are upheld.

"When a prosecutor can introduce videotaped evidence in court, we are improving our ability to prove our case by allowing judges and juries to see confessions or interrogations first-hand and to more effectively weigh the evidence at hand," Alvarez said. "This protects both the suspect being questioned and the officers who are conducting the interrogation."

Crimes that will be included in the new law's expansion include Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault and Aggravated Arson (to be implemented by June, 2014), Home Invasion, Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking, Aggravated Kidnapping (to be implemented by Jan. 2014) and Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault, Armed Robbery and Aggravated Battery with a Firearm (to be implemented by June, 2016).

## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka forwarded the following statement to All Points last week in response to the Court's ruling to restore compensation for lawmakers:

"In light of today's Court ruling, I have instructed my staff to begin processing salary payments for Illinois lawmakers. I have consistently said action was required by the General Assembly or the Court to authorize restoration of those payments. That has now occurred, and the Comptroller's Office will comply. Processing of paychecks for August, September and October begins today."

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Ten years after submitting its application, Elementary School District 159 received an $8.3 million grant check from the State of Illinois' School Construction Grant Program. Following a press conference on Monday, Sept. 30, State Senator Michael Hastings (D) presented to the School Board and District Superintendent, a check for $8.3 million as one of the remaining districts to be funded from the FY 2003 School Construction Priority Ranking List.

To date, the School Construction Grant Program has benefited 497 school districts in every region of the state and provided over $3.1 billion in state funds for building and renovating local public schools. On August 22, funds were released that allowed the remaining twenty-three districts to receive their 2003 School Construction grant entitlement awards.

The press conference took place in the Colin Powell Middle School cafeteria. A reception followed the conference.

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Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White announced that a new traveling exhibition titled, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," will be at the Illinois State Library in Springfield beginning Oct. 4 and ending on Nov. 15. The exhibition examines how President Lincoln used the Constitution to confront the secession of Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties during the Civil War.

"We are delighted to have been selected as a site for this exhibition," said White. "As a new president, Abraham Lincoln was faced with enormous challenges. Most importantly, the exhibit helps visitors understand why Lincoln's struggle with the Constitution still matters today."

The exhibition is composed of informative panels featuring photographic reproductions of original documents, including a draft of Lincoln's first inaugural speech, the Emancipation Proclamation and the Thirteenth Amendment.

Lincoln is widely acknowledged as one of America's greatest presidents. This exhibition develops a more complete understanding of Abraham Lincoln as president and the Civil War as the nation's gravest constitutional crisis.

The National Constitution Center and the American Library Association Public Programs Office organized the traveling exhibition, which was made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The exhibition was developed by the National Constitution Center.

For information about other events in connection with the exhibition, contact Joe Natale, jnatale@ilsos.net.

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State Rep. Fran Hurley, D-Chicago, and state Sen. Bill Cunningham, D-Chicago, will host a Women's Expo on Friday, Oct. 11 at the Orland Park Civic Center. Hurley is encouraging constituents to join her to learn about resources available to women through several state agencies and local service providers.

The expo will take place on Friday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Orland Park Civic Center located at 14750 S. Ravinia in Orland Park. Several state and local agencies are scheduled to participate including the Cook County State's Attorney's office, the Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs, Advocate Christ Medical Center, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office and many more. The event is free and open to the public.

"I hope that women will take the time to come and learn about what is being offered around our community," Hurley said. "Our area is full of many programs and services. I encourage local organizations who offer specific services to mothers and women to call my office to register to participate in this free expo."

Registration is still open and vendors who offer programs or services targeted at women who wish to participate should call Hurley's constituent service office at (773) 445-8128 to register.

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Illinois Governor The Honorable Pat Quinn will speak at the Chicago Southland Chamber's Regional Consensus Luncheon on Monday, Oct. 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Drive in Tinley Park.

The Regional Consensus is sponsored by AT&T, Holiday Inn Hotel & Tinley Park Convention Center, and SouthtownStar. Admission price is $35 per person or $340 per table for Chamber members and $45 per person or $440 per table for non-members. Please RSVP in advance to ensure a seat by calling the Southland Chamber office at (708)957-6950 or at www.chicagosouthlandchamber.com. Reservations must be cancelled 48 hours in advance to receive a refund.

The Chicago Southland Chamber is a regional organization that serves a population of 2.5 million in 85 communities in the area bounded by Chicago on the north, northwest Indiana on the east, Kankakee on the south and Joliet on the west.

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The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will host the 14th Annual Business Showcase & Health Fair on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Community High School. Many businesses are expected to participate by showcasing their various products and services.

Flu shots will be available from Advantage Pharmacy for a fee, along with free blood glucose testing and blood pressure screen. We will also have a full spectrum of healthcare providers, financial & banking representatives, home improvement specialist and more.

The Business Showcase is held in conjunction with the Fall Arts and Crafts Fair, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher School Association.

The Oak Lawn Chamber will designate a portion of the proceeds from the Showcase to provide college scholarships to eligible Oak Lawn Community seniors.

For more information, or for an exhibitor application, call the Chamber office at (708) 424-8300 or email office@oaklawnchamber.com. Booth fees are $85 for Chamber members and $150 for non-members.

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# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## St. Nicholas Greek Annual Bazaar

Come to the Bazaar featuring artist, crafter and vendor show plus homemade Greek food and pastries on Saturday, Oct. 19th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 20th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Forty-one years ago, the Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church hosted the "only show in town" with its first bazaar. This year's Annual Bazaar promises to be just as exciting! For months the ladies have been assembling a unique and creative array of artisans, crafters & vendors to showcase their wares, items for all ages for the home, to wear and to give.

For the eating pleasure of guests there will be homemade Greek food and pastries to eat in or take home! Guests can join in a free pastry raffle!

Not too big, not too small, but just right, the Bazaar promises to be a festive, fun and perfect venue to do shopping, enjoy a great meal and have a wonderful day!

The Bazaar will take place at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church - Community Center, 10301 S. Kolmar Ave. in Oak Lawn. Admission is $1. There will be lots of free parking. For more information, contact the hostesses at (708) 636-7874 or e-mail stnickphilo@yahoo.com.

## Comedy Night

Mount Assisi Academy Booster Club presents its 10th Annual Comedy Night on Saturday, Nov. 2nd at 13860 Main Street in Lemont.

Doors open at 6:15 p.m., dinner at 7:15 p.m., and show at 8:30 p.m. featuring a night of comedy, and dinner by Uncle Bub's.

Tickets are $35 and include buffet dinner, beer, wine, pop, water and comedy show. You must be 21 or OVER to attend.

For more information or to register, contact Gail Andolis at andgal4@yahoo.com or call 708-224-0022.

## Fall Craft And Vendor Fair

Johnson Phelps VFW Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a Fall Vendor & Craft Fair on Sunday, Oct. 20th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Post home, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. in Oak Lawn, to benefit their Veteran and Community programs.

There will be two floors of vendors and crafts. Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Nomads, Origami Owl, Premier Design and many more. There will be a Raffle Table and Bake Sale.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Admission is free. For more information, call (708) 423-5220.

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## Class Reunions

St. Caetan School - Class of 1963 will hold its 50th year reunion on Oct. 19th from 6 to 11 p.m. at Cork & Kerry, 10614 Western Ave. Tickets are $20 and spouse/guest are welcome. There will be a cash bar. Contact The Lippert's at rlippert1892@wowway.com.

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Gage Park - Class of 1968 is seeking graduates of the Class of 1968 for its 45th reunion on Friday, Nov. 8th from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Cog Hill Country Club in the Elite Great Room, 12294 Archer Ave. in Lemont. Contact Maureen Mormann Sampson, Class Vice-President, at (630) 326-9881 or Marilyn Kozlowski Kuranis at (815) 834-5414.

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Mother McAuley - All-Class Reunion and McAuley Hall Induction, Saturday, Nov. 2nd, on the school's campus, 4737 W. 99th St. in Chicago, beginning with 5:30 p.m. Mass. The reunion will kick off at 7 p.m. For tickets or for more information, visit www.mothermcauleyalums.org.

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Reavis High School - Class of 1983 will hold its 30th year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 26th at 7 p.m. with an informal get-together at Chuck's Southern Comforts Cafe (Voodoo Lounge), 6501 W. 79th St. in Burbank. Contact Jan at jangee4@comcast.net.

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Harper High School - Classes of January and June 1963 are planning a 50-year reunion and are looking for classmates, contact Jim Smith at (352) 686-8363 or www.jimmicsmith.com or Tom Panush (708) 636-7548 or tpanush@yahoo.com.

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St. Kilian Grammar School - looking for classmates for their 55th reunion. If you graduated from St. Kilian or know of someone who might be interested, contact Carol Vasil Donnelly at (708) 293-1466, email to cdonnelly@sbcglobal.net or on Facebook.

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Oak Forest High School - Class of 1988 will hold a reunion on Saturday, Oct. 19th at Georgio's Banquets in Orland Park from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Follow this link for additional information: http://new.evite.com/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=fb_share_widget&utm_content=fb_link&utm_campaign=invite#/view/invite/eid=0I5IDAAPMI7NZ50B5E1PCQI3OD43C&CI=Y&gid=fb

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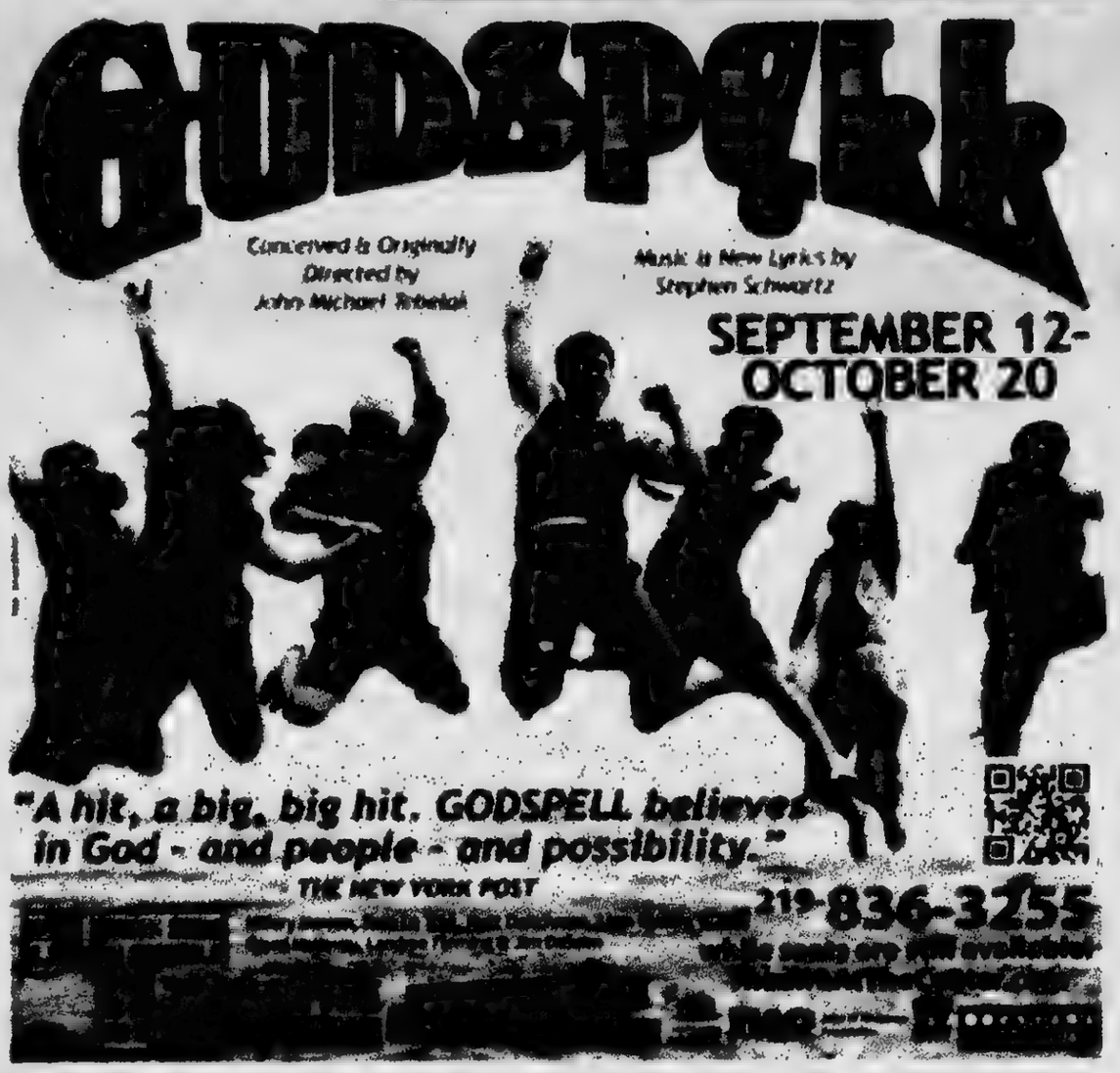

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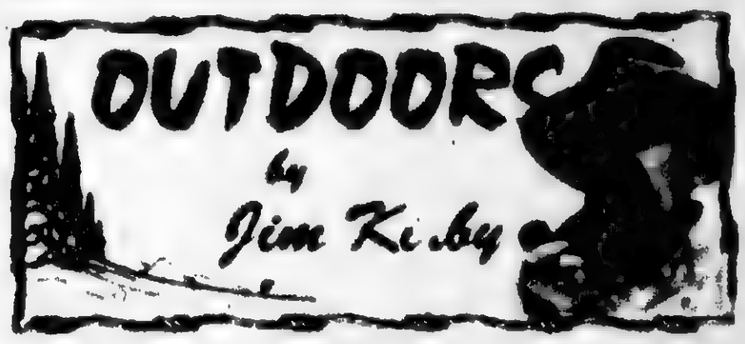


**YOU CAN TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS:** I just returned from an outdoor writers' conference in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin on the shores of Lake Winnebago. This was the 57th Annual Association of Great Lakes Outdoor Writers (AGLOW) conference that brings media members from the Great Lakes area together to exchange ideas, improve our craft, see what the industry has to offer in new products, and gather story ideas to write about.

This conference was hosted by the Fond du Lac Area Convention & Visitors Bureau in the hopes of touting the many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and other attractions in the area and possibly generate interest in the area through the writings of the attending conference members that would help promote tourism for the Fond du Lac area.

Fond du Lac pulled out all the stops to make this conference a memorable one, as did corporate sponsors, that included National Shooting Sports Foundation, Chevy Trucks, RAM Trucks, Concealed Carry Foundation, Clam Outdoors, Western Kentucky (site of next year's conference), Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Mercer, Wisconsin Chautauqua, New York, Cabelas, Howard Communications and others.

Each morning offered "Learn-It-Sessions" with such diverse subjects as *Self Publishing, Shed Antler Hunting, Bath Doors, Technology Trends in Outboard Power, Mercury Marine's Plant was across the street from the conference center and we had a guided tour through the facility* and other sessions dealing with high-tech media subjects.

The entire Fond du Lac community bent over backwards to showcase the outdoor opportunities to be had in the area including our participating in Dove hunting, Fishing, Camping, Boating, Goose hunting, Archery deer hunting and Clay pigeon shooting.

**●OUTDOOR CALENDAR: *Oct. 6:** Annual Chicken Shoot, Palos Sportsmen's Club, 24100 S. Harlem Ave. A rare occasion where the club is open to the public! Bring your shotgun, shoot some clay pigeons and get ready for the hunting season. (815) 469-4446. You might even win a chicken or two. ***Oct. 8:** Last day to fish Lake Heidecke. ***Oct. 12-13:** Youth firearm deer season. ***Oct. 12-13:** Hunter Safety Course, Frankfort Sportsmen Club. (815) 469-9887. ***Oct. 19-20:** Hunter Safety Course, Tinley Park District. (708) 342-4200. ***Oct. 19:** Illinois Fall Inland Trout Season opens on 45 ponds and lakes throughout the state that are stocked with about 75,000 trout. For more info, go to www.dnr.illinois.org.

**●REGIONAL OUTDOOR REPORT: *Wisconsin** – Fall colors reaching 30 to 50 percent in northern Wisconsin. Some leaves have started to drop in the northwest and that is improving conditions for early archery hunters who are registering some nice bucks. Bucks are still in velvet but more rubs are showing up. With many hunting seasons open, inland fishing pressure was a bit reduced. Musky have been receiving the most attention lately and the action has continued to be good. Trout fishermen are reminded that the inland trout season closed on Sept. 30. (Wis. *DNR Report*)

***Michigan** – The MDNR reminds hunters that wolf hunting licenses went on sale Sept. 28 and will continue through Oct. 31, or before, if the quota of 1,200 licenses is met. All wolf licenses are sold on a first-come-first-served basis. Licenses cost $100 for residents and $500 for non-residents.

***Illinois** – Lake Michigan salmon and perch fishing continues to improve for boaters and shore fishermen.

Local rivers are at or below normal pool. Local Forest Preserve Lakes, ponds and rivers are giving up fish of all species that are fattening up for the long winter ahead, go early, light tackle, and stay late.

**●ILLINOIS ANGLER FAILS AT WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT, HOOKS 2,011 FISH IN 24 HOURS:** On July 5th, Chicago angler Johnny Wilkins, 46, took up his cane pole and a massive cooler filled with bait and headed out to break the world record for most fish caught in a 24 hour period. Sitting at the edge of Lake View Center's large pond he caught bass, carp and bluegills by the thousands. The current record is held by extreme angler Jeff Kolodziejski at a mind-boggling 2,649 caught in a single day.

In order to beat the previous record, Wilkins would have had to catch 1.8 fish per minute. Astounding as it may sound, the Chicago resident had exceeded that ratio before. In fact, Wilkins, the founder of the Chicago Fishing School and a world champion angler, had a personal best of catching 203 fish over a period of 30 minutes. That amounts to more than six fish per minute. It was not surprising then that Wilkins approached the challenge with optimism.

**●THINK ABOUT IT:** *"A wise man reflects before he speaks; a fool speaks and then reflects on what he has uttered."*

**●E-Mail Jim Kirby:** *kirbyoutdoors@sbcglobal.net*

# NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

"Wednesday Morning Walkers," a free program sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County for persons at least 11 years of age, will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 9th from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Thorn Creek Nature Center, 24" Monee Road in Park Forest.

Follow the forest's seasonal changes, get some light exercise and experience nature firsthand on two miles of Thorn Creek Woods winding trails.

Hiking is on natural surface trails, over uneven terrain. The trail may be wet or muddy, so wear sturdy shoes.

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A "Fall Color Hike at Thorn Creek Woods," a free all-ages program, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12th from 1 to 3 p.m. Registration is required by Thursday, Oct. 10th.

Experience Thorn Creek Woods during the fall, with autumn's brilliant reds, yellows and oranges surrounding you. Discover not only why leaves change colors during the fall but also why different trees turn different colors.

Participants should be prepared to walk more than two miles outdoors on natural surface trails across uneven terrain.

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"Animal Home Hike," a free, all-ages nature hike sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Will County, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 13th at 1 p.m. at Thorn Creek Nature Center. Registration is required.

Have you ever wondered how animals spend the winter? Animals have several adaptations that allow them to survive even the harshest Midwest winters. Participants will walk the trails of Thorn Creek Woods to search for signs of animals preparing for winter.

Participants should be prepared to walk more than two miles outdoors on natural surface trails across uneven terrain.

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For information and registration, call 708-747-6320.

# Fall Fishing Classic

Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens will hold the Fall Fishing Classic on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Participants are given a rare opportunity to fish the entire shoreline of Lake Katherine in this catch-and-release tournament.

Tickets are $100 per person, which includes lunch. Cash prizes will be awarded for the largest walleye, muskie, channel catfish, largemouth bass, and bluegill. For event details or to purchase tickets, call (708) 361-1873. Space is limited to 125 anglers, so reservations should be made early.

The Fall Fishing Classic supports natural resources restoration and education programs at the park. Lake Katherine Nature Center & Botanic Gardens, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, is located at 7402 W. Lake Katherine Drive in Palos Heights, Illinois.

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# 35th Anual Spelling Bee Pre-Registration

When Dr. Bill Smith organized the first Orland Park Open Spelling Bee in 1979, Jimmy Carter was in the White House. "Rocky II" and "Meatballs" were two of the sell-outs at the two-year-old Orland Square Theaters with Orland Square having opened three years prior. The village's Recreation Department was officially organized in 1979 and the Chicago Blizzard brought more than 18 inches of snow, helping Jane Byrne becoming the first female mayor of the City of Chicago.

"We started the contest in 1979 at the Presbyterian Church in Orland Park," said Smith, retired school superintendent of Alsip School District 126. "I was the first caller."

Over the last 35 years, the annual spelling contest has been held at the Presbyterian Church, at the Village's Robert Davidson Center, and both Orland and Jeffing Junior High Schools and at the Orland Park Civic Center for the 20th, 25th, 30th and this year's 35th anniversary contests.

The 35th annual Orland Open Spelling Bee will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20th at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 S. Ravinia Ave. The contest is free and open to seniors, adults, teens, and children age eight and older.

The Orland Park operation has grown from its one caller in 1979 to two in 1983, four in 1990, six in 2000 and now seven callers for 500 words, which takes more than three hours.

Smith's first open bee dates back to 1976 when he ran the Oak Lawn Bicentennial Open Bee at the Trinity Presbyterian Church. Over the last several decades, Smith has organized nearly 100 open bees in five states.

The Village of Orland Park has co-sponsored the Orland Open Bee since 1983 with Trustee Ed Schussler serving as one of the original contest judges in 1979.

Smith has kept careful notes from the last 35 years, including which village officials have opened the bee, all the church volunteers do, the number of repeat champions and the youngest participants to win the contest.

The youngest winner of the Orland Open Bee was Michael Sheehan in 1982 - then a 13-year-old student from St. Michael School. The late Kathleen Foley won the contest eight times from 1992 through 2005 with Brian Sullivan winning three times.

On Oct. 20th, participants ages eight through 10 will begin promptly at 2 p.m. with those ages 11 and over joining in at 2:45 p.m. Former trophy and ribbon winners come on board at 3:30 p.m. with the contest ending around 4:30 p.m. There is no cost to participate and contestants need not live in Orland Park.

Twelve trophies are awarded to the top three spellers in each of the four categories, ages eight to 10, ages 11 to 14, high school and overall. Twelve ribbons are awarded to ages eight to 10 with 12 ribbons awarded to overall winners.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged by sending an email to PCOrlandp@gmail.com with the participant's name, address, phone, age, school, and if a past trophy winner. Or participants can call 815-713-5502 or 708-429-7764 to register by phone.

Questions about the contest can be directed to Smith at 708-403-0804.

# Swallow Cliff NSDAR Luncheon

The Swallow Cliff Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its 132nd Anniversary Luncheon at 12 noon on Saturday, Oct. 19th at Beggars Pizza, 15600 S. Cicero in Oak Forest. The cost is $10, and reservations are required by Oct. 10th. The speaker will be Gloria Flathom, District IV director.

The NSDAR is a non-profit, non-political organization dedicated to preserving American history, securing America's future through better education, and promoting patriotism. Membership in the DAR is a unique opportunity to honor one's lineage and heritage as a descendant of a patriot of the American Revolution. Prospective members and guests from all south and southwest suburbs are welcome at the meeting. For further information, call 815-464-0509 or email swallowcliffdar@comcast.net.

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Pipe Organ Concert

St. Paul Lutheran Church will hold a Pipe Organ Concert on Thursday, Oct. 17th at 7 p.m. given by Jonathan Swett, Minister of Music. The performance will feature "Hymnthology" - a display of the beauty, power and drama inherent in 10 beloved hymn tunes, including Thy Strong Word, Savior of the Nations, Built on the Rock, Beautiful Savior, and more. A freewill offering will be taken to go directly toward fundraising to purchase hand bells for the Music Ministry of St. Paul. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated! St. Paul is at 4660 W. 94th St. in Oak Lawn, approximately one block east of the Hilton. For more information, call 708-423-1040.

"Salute To Our Armed Forces" Celebration

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Salute to the Armed Forces Patriot celebration. All local military and veterans are invited to attend this memorable event.

The 3rd Annual "Salute to our Armed Forces" will be held in the grand ballroom of the Double Tree Hotel by Hilton in Alsip, 5000 W. 127th Street. All branches of servicemen and women will be honored for serving their country with pride and dedication at a ceremony on Tuesday, Oct. 15th from 1 to 3 p.m.

The keynote speaker will be Retired Col. Jill Morgenthaler who served tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, Col. Morgenthaler was part of the capture team of Saddam Hussein. Her story is empowering and inspirational.

This free patriotic event is proudly sponsored by Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy, VITAS Innovative Hospice Care, Dignity Memorial and the Alsip Double Tree Hotel by Hilton.

All honorees must REGISTER by Oct. 11th to attend this free patriotic celebration and ceremony. If you have attended before, you are welcome to return each year. The program is equally as stimulating as previous years and our appreciation for those that have served is ongoing. To register call the Office of Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy at 708-389-2125.

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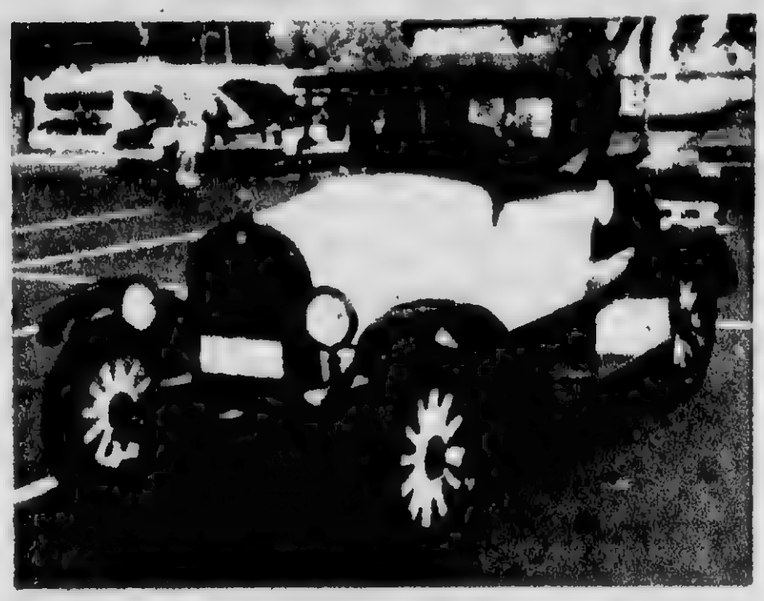

# "Come On Out And See Classic Cars!"

**All systems are "go" for Evergreen Park's Annual Hot Rod and Classic Car Show, which takes place on Friday, Oct. 4 at Yukich Field from 3 to 10 p.m.**

**Over the years, this festive event has been an overwhelming success, with well over two hundred cars on display. Visitors walk for blocks to view the beautiful classic cars, enjoy great music by "The Wrong Boys" and socialize in the food and beer tent. This year's event will benefit "Harmony, Hope and Healing"**

**Admission is free for spectators.**

**If you need more information, just call (708) 229-8219.**

# Rev. Michael Pfleger To Explore Non-Violence

Rev. Michael Pfleger, co-pastor of Saint Sabina parish and social activist, will consider if and how nonviolence remains a strategy for social change on Wednesday, Oct. 9th at Saint Xavier University.

"Is Nonviolence Still a Value?" is scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in McGuire Hall, located in the Warde Academic Center at SXU's Chicago campus, 3700 W. 103rd St.

Rev. Pfleger's lecture will offer his reflections on the title question and others: What does the philosophy and practice of nonviolence bring to current situations of injustice and violence, domestically and internationally? Is nonviolence as a strategy for personal and social change still powerful or merely a memory of times past?

Since 1968, Rev. Pfleger has lived and ministered in the African-American community on both the West and South Sides of Chicago. In 1981, at the age of 31, he became the youngest full-time pastor in the diocese when he was appointed Pastor of Saint Sabina Church. In the course of his extensive and active ministry, much of Rev. Pfleger's work has focused on his commitment to equality and passionate stance against injustice.

This event is sponsored by the Center for Religion and Public Discourse as part of its Squeaky Weal lecture series. For more information, visit www.sxu.edu, keyword squeaky weal, or contact the Center for Religion and Public Discourse at (773) 298-3900 or mschroed-er@sxu.edu.

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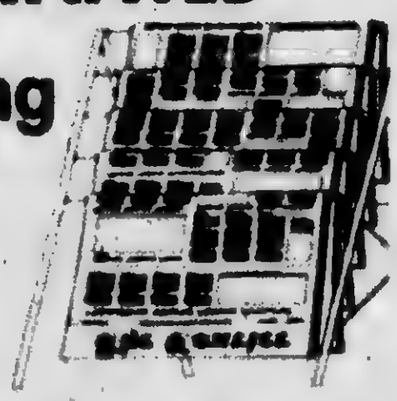

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File No. D13135691 on Sept. 19, 2013 Under the Assumed Name of Mission Ready Training Solutions with the business located at 430 East 162nd St., Suite 559, South Holland, Illinois 60473. The true and real full name(s) and residence address of the owner(s)/partner(s) is: Michael R. Smith, 15622 Woodlawn East, South Holland, IL 60473.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Library Trustees of the Posen Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois as follows

SECTION 1 BUDGET

The following is adopted as the budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, of the POSEN PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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| A Cash on hand beginning of fiscal year excluding special fund balance | $3,160.95 |
| B Estimation of tax receipts during fiscal year | $99,435.43 |
| C Per Capita Grant | $8,103.38 |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT AVAILABLE | $107,538.81 |
| APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR | $102,596.38 |
| ESTIMATED BALANCE ON HAND June 30, 2013 | $3,160.95 |

SECTION 2 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS GENERAL CORPORATE FUND

A The following sums of money or as much thereof as may be authorized by law as needed or deemed necessary to defray certain general expenses and liabilities of the POSEN PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purposes and objects hereinafter specified for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of July, 2013, and ending on the 30th day of June, 2014.

B. The following appropriations are hereby appropriated from the general property tax, and are levied for general corporate purposes.

C The total amount of $102,596.38 appropriated by this Section is itemized as follows:

SECTION 3 TRUSTEES' LIABILITY INSURANCE

The following appropriation is hereby appropriated from the proceeds of a special auditing tax which is in excess of and in addition to all other taxes as provided by law, and said appropriation is hereby levied, pursuant to law, from the proceeds of a special tax for liability insurance expense which is in addition to all other taxes as provided by law

| TOTAL APPROPRIATION | ESTIMATES RECEIPTS FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN TAXATION | TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION |
|---|---|---|
| $5,000.00 | $0.00 | $5,000.00 |

SECTION 4 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

A The following sums of money or as much thereof as may be authorized by law as may be needed or deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the POSEN PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY APPROVED for the purposes and objects hereinafter specified for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of July, 2013, and ending on the 30th day of June, 2014

B The total amount of $102,596.38 appropriated by this Ordinance is itemized as follows

| CATEGORY | TOTAL APPROPRIATION | ESTIMATES RECEIPTS FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN TAXATION | TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION |
|---|---|---|---|
| General | $118,810.11 | $19,652.89 | $99,157.22 |
| Trustees' Liability In. | $5,000.00 | $0.00 | $5,000.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | $123,810.41 | $19,652.89 | $104,157.52 |

SECTION 5

All the unexpected balances of any item or items in this Appropriation Ordinance may be expended in making up any deficiency in any other item or items

SECTION 6 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law

ADOPTED this 25th day of September, 2013, pursuant to the following roll call vote

TRUSTEES' VOTE

| | |
|---|---|
| AYES | 4 |
| NAYS | 0 |
| ABSENT | 2 |

s/s Donald E. Schnering Jr.
Donald E. Schnering Jr
President
Board of Trustees

ATTEST

s/s Kathleen J. Miller (Seal)
Secretary

Published this 25th day of September, 2013

s/s Kathleen J. Miller (seal)
Secretary
POSEN PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS )
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK )

**POSEN PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**
**CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED REVENUES**

The undersigned, the duly elected Trustee, Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer of the POSEN PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, does hereby Certify that the estimated revenues, by source, anticipated to be received by the said library district during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 and end June 30, 2014 are as follows:

| SOURCE | ESTIMATED AMOUNT |
|---|---|
| Property Tax Receipts | $99,435.43 |
| Per Capita Grants | $8,103.38 |
| Personal Property Replacement Tax | 0 |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS | $107,538.81 |

This certificate of estimated revenues is prepared and executed by me pursuant to the requirements of Illinois Compiled Statutes 2007, 205/162

s/s Kathleen J. Miller (seal)
Secretary
POSEN PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

DATED This 25th day of September, 2013

**Posen Public Library District**
**Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

| ITEM | TOTAL APPROPRIATION | ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN TAXATION | RAISED BY TAXATION |
|---|---|---|---|
| Equipment Purchase | $3,761.04 | $661.50 | $3,099.54 |
| Postage | $998.42 | $220.50 | $777.92 |
| Office Supplies | $949.81 | $220.50 | $729.31 |
| Insurance | $4,935.62 | $1,653.75 | $3,281.87 |
| Legal Services | $3,924.21 | $1,102.50 | $2,821.71 |
| Legal Notices | $1,253.68 | $220.50 | $1,033.18 |
| Printing | $1,219.77 | $551.25 | $668.52 |
| Markham Public Library: Contract expense for library services | $70,906.74 | $5,512.50 | $65,394.24 |
| Markham Public Library: Contract expense (Per Capita Grant) for library services | $8,103.38 | $8,103.38 | $ |
| Public Library Board: Training and Education | $3,179.40 | $110.25 | $3,069.15 |
| Public Relations | $2,419.71 | $110.25 | $2,309.46 |
| Contingency | $2,668.89 | $110.25 | $2,558.64 |
| Board Development | $1,811.39 | $115.76 | $1,695.62 |
| Auditing | $3,612.62 | $330.75 | $3,281.87 |
| Consultants | $3,016.17 | $353.63 | $2,662.54 |
| Travel | $6,049.27 | $275.63 | $5,773.65 |
| **Total Estimated Corporate Fund Expenditures** | **$118,810.11** | **$19,652.89** | **$99,157.22** |

# MIDLOTHIAN HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER EDITION

## 1966 Bremen High School's Homecoming Queen & Her Court

This photo appeared in the Midlothian-Bremen Messenger dated October 13, 1966 with the following caption:

Linda Hennessy (center) the Queen and her Homecoming Court (Left to right) Mildred Wolfe, Kathy Walsh, Miss Hennessy, Beckie Pelke and Janet Mifflin

Drop off ____ and ____ "Drug Take Back" at the Midlothian Police Dept. on Oct. 26th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## OCTOBER 2013

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## OAK LAWN POLICE CALLS

On Sept. 12, Armando Sanchez of Chicago was charged with theft when a store manager found that a bank deposit and cell phones had been taken from the Radio Shack at 4811 W. 95th Street. Sanchez was an employee of the store.

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On Sept. 13, Matthew Paulis of Oak Lawn was arrested for the possession of heroin after he was found panhandling at the Walgreens at 4740 W. 95th Street.

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On Sept. 13, Sean P. Mitchell of Oak Lawn was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol after a traffic stop in the 5000 block of South Central Avenue.

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Robert J. Drexel of Oak Lawn and Aaron Pickering of Chicago Ridge were both charged with Battery after a altercation at Drexel's home.

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On Sept. 14, Paul Halo, Jr. of Orland Hills was charged with the possession of heroin and drug paraphernalia after he walked through the scene of an accident in the 8900 block of South Cicero Avenue.

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On Sept. 14, police reported that a 2004 Ford pickup truck was taken from the parking lot of Texas Corral at 6010 W. 95th Street.

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On Sept. 15, Usama Saleh of Oak Lawn was arrested for illegal possession of prescription drugs with the intent to sell when he was found with the pills at the Oak Lawn Pavilion at 94th and Oak Park Avenue.

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Jay Hivick of Oak Lawn was arrested for disorderly conduct after he was seen running nude through the cemetery at 11333 Central Avenue.

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# Richards 5K Raises Hundreds For Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation

**For the second year in a row, more than 600 runners and walkers helped Richards High School raise thousands for the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation at Running with the Bulldogs.**

**Once again the largest 5K in the south suburbs, the event attracted a huge crowd that included Oak Lawn Mayor Sandra Bury and POTCF founder Colleen Kisel.**

**POTCF provides free toys, gifts, and gift cards to children and teenagers in treatment for cancer at many hospitals throughout the Chicago area, including Advocate Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn, and the nation.**

**Last year, Running with the Bulldogs raised nearly $11,000 for POTCF. Once all bills have been paid, Richards will present Kisel with another check for her charity.**

**The top three finishers by age group included: Female, 1 to 14: Alyssa Stevenson, Ellie Featherstone, Logan Grevengoed; Male, 1 to 14 Mark Christian, Timmy Flavin, Noah Petruszevski;**

**Female, 15 to 19: Taylor Adelman, Celique Ayala, Reyna Jazmin Ocampo; Male, 15 to 19: Lydell Tyler, Collin Page, Ryan Riamesivian;**

**Female, 20 to 24: Molly Pakosz, Shannen Reynolds, Jackie Esparza; Male, 20 to 24: Phil Culbertson, Chris Lindich, Brian Hankey;**

**Female, 25 to 29: Ewa Styczynia, Kerry Marshall, Stephanie Politto; Male, 25 to 29: Joseph Lerner, Dimitri Dimizas, Tomasz Polaczek;**

**Female, 30 to 34: Mary Strader, Amy Jonaitis, Marnie Milakovich; Male, 30 to 34: Philip Petro, Dariusz Lisowski, Wladek Czernik;**

**Female, 35 to 39: Kimberly Florn, Agnieska Szydek, Hillary Grevengoed; Male, 35 to 39: Greg Dziubek, Adam Lorenc, Albert Bacchus;**

**Female, 40 to 44: Krystyna Gorska, Donna Marie Ivers, Lisa Allen; Male, 40 to 44: Robert Cook, Jeff Jaworek, Tim Moore;**

**Female, 45 to 49: Julie Longfield, Judy Groters, Jommette Houlden; Male, 45 to 49: Greg Wilder, Dennis Reynolds, Jeff Allen;**

**Female, 50 to 54: Donna McBall, Carol Fredericks, Diane O'Laughlin; Male, 50 to 54: Matt Medrano, Michael Blaylock, Cayne Underwood;**

**Female, 55 to 59: Debbie Scheckel, Theresa Glusak, Debbie Nakayama; Male, 55 to 59: Rich Siekofer, Daniel Fredericks, Bill St. Leger;**

**Female, 60 to 64: Mary Flirts, Louise Sullivan, Janice Blaschek; Male, 60 to 64: Tom Coti, Michael Del Priore, Keith Ahlborn;**

**Female, 65 to 69: Margie Tucker, Jim Fromme, Rita O'Neill; Male, 65 to 69: James Gallagher, Ron Motykowski, Michael Sullivan; and, Male, 70 to 99: Mike Dragas, Frank Nicholson, Joseph Aristich.**

**Pictured: Runners leave the starting line at the second annual Running with the Bulldogs 5K at Richards High School.**

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# Oak Lawn Monthly Luncheon

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 8th, at Hilton Oak Lawn. Registration and networking begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by noon lunch.

They will welcome Jim Desmond, Oak Lawn Village Trustee, who will give a presentation on the new Oak Lawn Jobs Program. The goal of this program is to encourage local businesses to hire high school graduates from Oak Lawn, in order to provide them with training and an opportunity to develop job skills.

This is a good opportunity for networking and meeting other businesses in and around Oak Lawn. Come out and join in. All events are open to members and business owners. Contact the Chamber office at (708) 424-8300 or email office@oaklawnchamber.com to reserve your spot.

# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Army Pvt. Joshua Zastrow has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. Zastrow is the son of Debbie Jean of Bridgeview. He is a 2011 graduate of Amos Alonzo Stagg High School in Palos Hills.

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U.S. Army National Guard Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Clemens of Burbank was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device for valor on Sept. 15th for his efforts to defend his Forward Operating Base from a Taliban attack on Aug. 28th. Clemens, armed with only his pistol and without body armor, kept five suicide bombers from entering the base after the perimeter was breached. Clemens is deployed with the Bilateral Embedded Staff Team A11 to Ghazni Province, Afghanistan. The unit is expected to return home in December.

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South Suburban College (SSC), 15800 S. State Street in South Holland, will be hosting a "Salute to Veterans" informational event on Wednesday, Oct. 9th. The event is designed to provide current veteran students and prospective veteran students with a wide range of information regarding veterans' benefits, financial aid, SSC programs and services, and more.

In addition, the Illinois Mobile Veteran Center will be on hand for the day. The Mobile Veteran Center is the Department of Veterans' Affairs' latest effort to reach under-served veteran populations to discuss all matters with veterans and their families with the strictest of confidentiality. The Mobile Vet Center can access VA records on a secure system and can offer a variety of referrals.

The event will kick off at 9 a.m. with a keynote address from Illinois Veteran and State Senator Michael Hastings in the Performing Arts Center.

Also in attendance to share information in the Atrium from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be: Cook County Recorder of Deeds; Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital; Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs; Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Department of Employment Security; Area VFW's and American Legions; STAR Truck Driving School, and SSC programs and services.

Refreshments will be served in the McJack Room courtesy of Panera Bread, South Holland. This event is for veterans only. Veterans please RSVP to boots2books@ssc.edu.

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Secretary of State Jesse White hosted a ceremony in Springfield commemorating the success of the Illinois Veterans' History Project. White initiated the project in 2005 to provide a permanent database of information from Illinois war veterans, their families and civilians to document their wartime experiences.

White served as a paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army, a member of the Illinois National Guard and a reservist. Last year, he recorded an oral history interview of his own memories to be added to the Veterans' History Project, available on the project's YouTube channel.

The ceremony also recognized an ongoing partnership between the Veterans' History Project, the Department of Illinois Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and the Illinois Court Reporters Association. The DAV arranged for numerous veterans to be interviewed. Volunteer court reporters transcribed the interviews.

Approximately 90 vets and 6 court reporters attended the ceremony. White recognized Erica Borggren, director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, Deborah Cohen-Rojas, Illinois Court Reporters Association, and Eric Huckaby with the Department of Illinois DAV, for their members' contributions to the success of the Veterans' History Project.

For more information about the Illinois Veterans' History Project, visit http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/public/veteransproject.html. Interviews and written stories are stored in the Illinois Digital Archives at www.idaillinois.org. To view the oral history interviews, visit the Illinois Veterans' History Project YouTube channel.

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Did you know ...at one time, natural licorice was used as medicine to treat ulcers, sore throats, coughs, and other diseases. The first licorice "candy" was an attempt to disguise the bitter flavor of the medicine.

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Quote of the Week: A mistake is simply another way of doing things. – Katharine Graham

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Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.

# "It Can Wait"

AT&T visited Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School on Thursday, Sept. 19 for National "Drive 4 Pledges" Day to promote their initiative against texting and driving. According to Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, "People are 23 times more likely to get into a car accident when texting and driving." This reality is especially important for teenagers and young adults who text regularly.

When asked why teens prefer to text over other methods of communication, McAuley sophomore Doayi Ogaremwinda (Scottsdale) replied, "It's easier. You can abbreviate words and you don't have to explain it because they'll know what you mean." Those abbreviated messages were the types of fatal messages seen in "The Last Text," a 10-minute documentary shown to students during their lunch breaks. In the documentary, stories were shared about texting drivers, victims, and families who have lost loved ones or have been changed forever by a decision to text while driving.

McAuley junior Siobhan Finnerty (Mt. Greenwood) admitted that she does have friends that text while driving and "maybe they need to be more aware of the consequences." Raising awareness was the goal of AT&T visiting schools to speak on this topic. In addition to watching the documentary, students were encouraged to sign a pledge to refrain from texting while driving. They also were offered car bumper stickers and rings that read "It Can Wait" to remind them of their commitment.

Students were encouraged to use social media to help spread the message and technology like the AT&T Drive Mode App, designed to send an auto-reply message to any text message received while driving. "We're bringing awareness. Showing a video and getting this message to students, so they can see that this is real and something can happen to them or someone in their family. That's powerful," remarked an AT&T representative.

Pictured: Sophomore students show off their "It Can Wait" rings with AT&T representative and McAuley alumna, Jodi Farrell '84.

# Teen Read Week

The theme of this year's Teen Read Week is *Seek the Unknown*. Events will take place between Tuesday, Oct. 15th and Friday, Oct. 18th. On Tuesday, Everest College will lead an interactive workshop about planning for the future titled *The Game Plan*. After school the Anime Sci Fi club will host a *Seek the Unknown* movie night. On Wednesday, the after-school book club will meet to discuss this semester's novel *Divergent* by Veronica Roth. *Seek the Unknown* Craft Day will take place on Thursday when the Oak Lawn Public Library Youth Librarian will teach students how to create an out-of-this-world craft.

Per tradition, the Media Center will host a Coffee House during all B portions of lunch periods where students, faculty and staff can read, rap or perform their favorite poems. The program flyer is available at https://www.olchs.org/assets/publicrelations/Flyer_Teen-Read-Week2013.pdf

# "The Ed McElroy Show"

Ed McElroy (center), host of "The Ed McElroy Show," recently interviewed Senator Bill Cunningham (left), (D-18th Dist.) and Dorothy Leavell (right), Publisher of Crusader Newspaper.

That show will air at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8th and again on Tuesday, Oct. 15th on Comcast Channel 19.

McElroy is Past National Commander of Catholic War Veterans, USA.

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# Small Steps To A Healthier You Classes

This fall Moraine Valley Community College is offering a series of noncredit healthy living classes that will lead to a "healthier you." These one-day classes will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the college's Southwest Education Center, 17900 W. 94th Ave., Tinley Park. Each class fee is $12.

Learn why making better food choices is key to forming healthy eating habits during Food for Life on Monday, Oct. 2. Learn the basics of meal design, which foods fuel the body with abundant energy and how to make those foods taste good on a budget. Discover how making peace with yourself and your food is the key to shedding extra weight.

Harness the power of walking meditation to increase inner focus and peace in Walking Meditation for Life on Monday, Oct. 21. Learn how a heightened awareness of thoughts can decrease random negative self-talk and allow room to focus on passions. Discover how reducing this mental state can create stillness for inspiration to dwell and grow.

Build an action plan for developing healthy habits in Motivation for Life on Monday, Nov. 4. Discover how mastering the art of creating healthy habits is the key to shaping life and creating positive emotions that fuel willpower, the cornerstone of motivation.

Begin to "think you can" in Positive Thinking for Life on Monday, Nov. 25. An "attitude of gratitude" is the foundation for positive thinking, leading to doors opening in new ways. Realize how focusing on strengths and letting go of negatives will lead to a healthier, happier life.

For more information about these classes, call Corporate, Community and Continuing Education at (708) 974-5735 or email ccce@morainevalley.edu.

Register today in person at the Registration Office, located in S125 on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-2110 (TTY for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Participants also can register online at morainevalley.edu by selecting "Register for Noncredit Classes" under Academic Focus and then "Search, register and pay for noncredit classes."

# Present Beauty And The Beast

Oak Lawn Community High School will continue its tradition of excellence this fall with its production of Beauty and the Beast. Beauty and the Beast tells the story of a young prince, who is cursed by an enchantress because of the lack of love in his heart. He must find a girl who will love him in spite of his looks before the last petal of an enchanted rose falls. Director Billy Denton said, "As the song goes, this is a 'tale as old as time.' After seeing the show years ago I knew it would be a staple of high school theater, and I'm proud to be directing this production at OLCHS. Performances will take place Thursday, Oct. 25th through Saturday, Oct. 27th at 7 p.m. A special children's matinee will also take place on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. where children will have the opportunity to be a part of the show and get their picture taken and receive autographs with Belle, the Beast, and the other enchanted objects. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased through the ticket hotline at 708-424-5200, ext. 5920.

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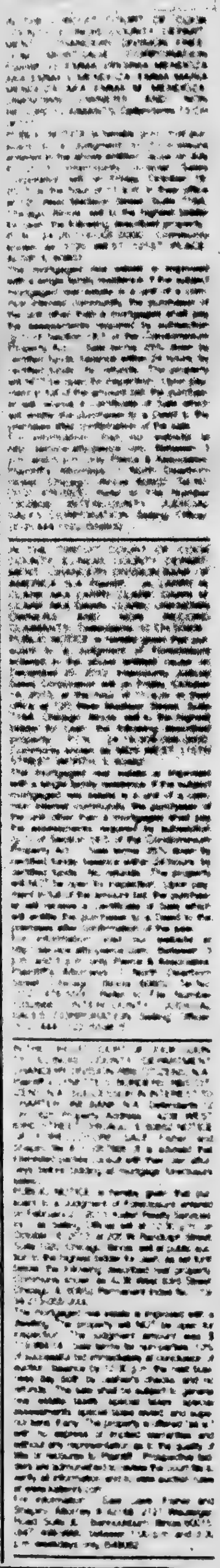

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## Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA N.A. Plaintiff, v. DAVID H. HOFSTEADTER AKA DAVID O. HOFSTEADTER BRENDA HOFSTEADTER, HSBC NEVADA N.A. FKA HOUSEHOLD BANK, UNKNOWN OWNERS, TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 12 CH 32169 4451 WEST 116TH PLACE Alsip, IL 60803 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 13, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 16, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 4451 WEST 116TH PLACE, Alsip, IL 60803. Property Index No. 24-20-416-032.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1) and (g-4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-12-27219. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-5300. Attorney File No. 14-12-27219. Attorney ARDC No. 00468001. Attorney Code. 21762. Case Number: 12 CH 26677. T.S.C.# 35-19849. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1567118

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Plaintiff, v. FINANCIAL AVENUE AKA THOMAS J. AVE, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Defendants, 12 CH 19413 1837 WEST 81ST STREET CHICAGO, IL 60620 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 26, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 28, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1837 WEST 81ST STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60620. Property Index No. 20-31-300-036-0000.

The real estate is improved with a single family home with a detached 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file number 14-12-27219. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-5300. Attorney File No. 14-12-27219. Attorney ARDC No. 00468001. Attorney Code. 21762. Case Number: 12 CH 26677. T.S.C.# 35-19849. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1567118

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, v. JENNIFER DRYER AKA JENNIFER A. DRYER, OAK FOREST COUNTRY CLUB CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 12 CH 27415 15400 CLUB DRIVE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 26, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 28, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 15400 CLUB DRIVE, Oak Forest, IL 60452. Property Index No. 28-07-200-107-0000.

The real estate is improved with a two story townhouse with a two car attached garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1301027. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA1301027. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 12 CH 19112. T.S.C.# 35-19884. 1567088

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, v. RYNDELL HEWSONE AKA RYNDELL D. HEWSONE, LAWN VIEW VILLAS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, FIRST AMERICAN BANK, LAWN VIEW OWNERS ASSOCIATION, Defendants, 12 CH 30118 10604 PARKSIDE AVENUE, UNIT 3D, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 26, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 28, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10604 PARKSIDE AVENUE, UNIT 3D, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Property Index No. 24-17-205-041-1036.

The real estate is improved with a multi-unit apartment building with brick, block roof and tar. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1214388. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA1214388. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 12 CH 33118. T.S.C.# 35-17088. 1566984

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, v. WILTON NONMAKAMBI, BRIDGEVIEW PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 11 CH 29082, 10215 CAMDEN LANE, UNIT B, BRIDGEVIEW, IL 60455 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 21, 2012, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 28, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10215 CAMDEN LANE, UNIT B, BRIDGEVIEW, IL 60455. Property Index No. 23-12-400-086-1120.

The real estate is improved with a 4 or more units brick condominium, attached 1 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1112148. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA1112148. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 11 CH 29082. T.S.C.# 35-18272. 1566987

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. FKA CRESTAR MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, v. THOMAS WALTER BENTLEY, BEVERLY J. BENTLEY, FIRST MIDWEST BANK Defendants, 13 CH 00788 9748 S. MELVINA AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 8, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 28, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9748 S. MELVINA AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Property Index No. 24-09-118-044.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1301318. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA1301318. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 13 CH 4878. T.S.C.# 35-17616. 1566980

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION EVERBANK Plaintiff, v. JAMES BLASCO JR AKA JAMES M. BLASCO JR, SANDRA BLASCO, SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 11 CH 4875, 5200 ROB ROY DRIVE, Oak Forest, IL 60452 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 25, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 28, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5200 ROB ROY DRIVE, Oak Forest, IL 60452. Property Index No. 28-17-126-014-0000.

The real estate is improved with a single family home with an attached 2 car garage. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC. FKA CRESTAR MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, v. THOMAS WALTER BENTLEY, BEVERLY J. BENTLEY, FIRST MIDWEST BANK Defendants, 13 CH 00788 9748 S. MELVINA AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 8, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 28, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 9748 S. MELVINA AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Property Index No. 24-09-118-044.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Visit our website at service.atty-pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA1301318. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn Street, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602, (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA1301318. Attorney Code. 91220. Case Number: 13 CH 4878. T.S.C.# 35-17616. 1566980

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, v. NANCY MINOS AKA NANCY J. MINOS, FIRST AMERICAN BANK Defendants, 12 CH 01855 6842 W. 110TH STREET, WORTH, IL 60482 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 30, 2012, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 11, 2013, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 6842 W. 110TH STREET, WORTH, IL 60482. Property Index No. 24-18-313-011.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-11-40154. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650, (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-5300. Attorney File No. 14-11-40154. Attorney ARDC No. 00468001. Attorney Code. 21762. Case Number: 12 CH 31855. T.S.C.# 35-19431. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 1566917

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION CASTLE PEAK 2012-1 LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2012-1, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE Plaintiff, vs. MARK ROBERTS, GONZALES, MARTIN LEASING, INC., CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) N.A., UNKNOWN OWNERS, AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, CPH, CAPITAL AMERICA LLC Defendants, 12 CH 26772 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on July 11, 2013, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Monday, October 14, 2013 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 7831 Lemon Avenue, Burbank, IL 60459. P.I.N. 19-28-422-025-0000.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information: Call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, P.O. Box 165028, Columbus, Ohio 43216-5028, (614) 220-5611. 12-009587. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122. 1566812

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff, vs. EDGARDO T. TEODORO, AGNES B. TEODORO, FIFTH THIRD BANK S/I TO FIFTH THIRD BANK (WESTERN MICHIGAN), UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, 12 CH 12869

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on July 15, 2013, intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Friday, October 18, 2013, at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property:

P.I.N. 24-08-200-056-0000. Commonly known as 9806 MASON AVENUE, OAK LAWN, IL 60453.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the premises after confirmation of the sale.

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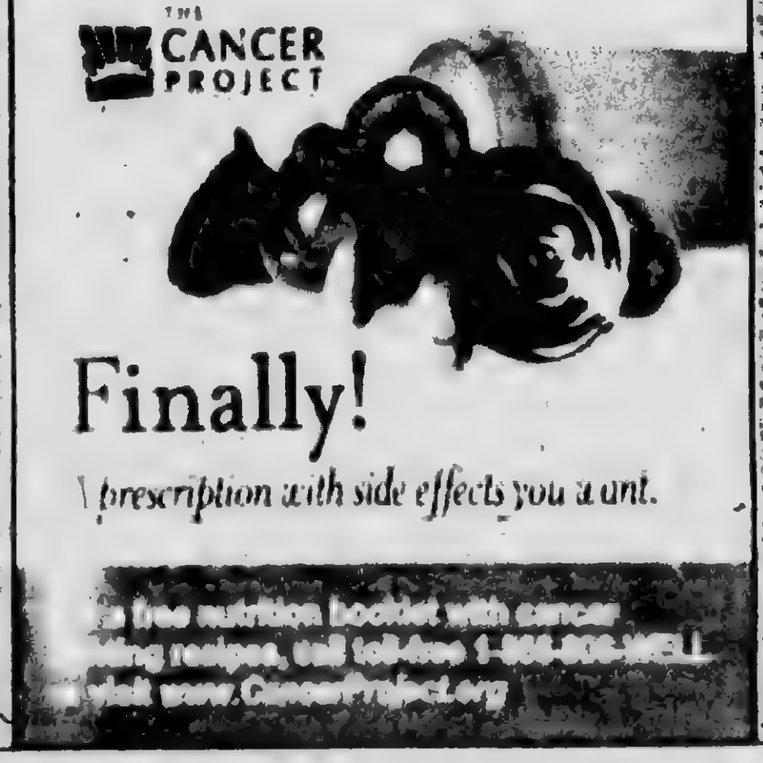

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# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Donald W. Burns**

Mass was said at St Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Monday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Donald W Burns, 78, late of Tinley Park, formerly of Oak Forest and Chicago's East Side He was the husband of the late Alice He was also a Korean War Army Veteran. He was retired from Local 17 and from the Oak Forest Police Department. He was very active in the Oak Forest Community, serving as an Elected Official on the Park District as the Director of the Park District He was Vice President of the Oak Forest Baseball Association and was a founding member of the Oak Forest Flag Football League He was president of the Gingerwood Homeowner Association, the 3rd Ward Alderman for eight years in Oak Forest and he served on the Executive Board of Illinois Association of Park Districts He volunteered countless hours as a coach for a variety of sports and he was a member of St Damian's Men's Club and a member of the Mason Lodge 1398

He is survived by his children Kevin (Renee), Laura (Steven) Baldwin, and Patrick Burns, and seven grandchildren

**Lalitha Chinnaswamy**

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Wednesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Lalitha Chinnaswamy

She is survived by her children David Suresh, Leo Satish, Victor Subash, Amy Chitra and Andrea Chandra.

**Francis J. Emmett**

Mass was said at St Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, Orland Hills, on Tuesday, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Francis J 'Frank' Emmett, 86 He was a former policeman and Mayor of Calumet Park He was the husband of the late Florence "Jayne" Emmett

He is survived by his children Jan (Chuck) Noble, Jim (Kathy) Emmett, Gayle (Jeff) Kuzmuk, Paul Emmett, and Mary (Ken) Strzelczyk, thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren

**Michael F. Emmett**

Mass was said at St Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Hills, on Tuesday, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Michael F Emmett 59

He is survived by his siblings Jan (Chuck) Noble, Jim (Kathy) Emmett, Gayle (Jeff) Kuzmuk, Paul Emmett and Mary (Ken) Strzelczyk and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

**Josephine Fijolek**

Services were held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Josephine "Babe" Fijolek She was the wife of the late John. She ran a dress shop and she later worked as a manager at Lane Bryant.

She is survived by her children Mary Jo (Phil Smith) Joiner, John (Cheri), Barbara (Dave) Flam, Michael (Shirley), William (Leslie) and Richard (Betsy), fifteen grandchildren, one great-grandchild and her sister Delores (Bill) Curtis

**Betty J. Grady**

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, on Monday, with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum, for Betty J Grady, 86. She was the wife of the late William She was the retired Director of Volunteers at Oak Forest Hospital

She is survived by her children Maryellen, Katherine (Larry) Carlson, Maureen (Richard) Stamper, Michael (Sandy) and William, eleven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and her sister Dorothy Stanek.

**Antoinette Mary Grawunder**

Services were held at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Burbank, on Thursday, for Antoinette Mary "Toni" Grawunder, 50 She was an employee of the US Postal Service

She is survived by her husband Eric, her children Lt Erich Grawunder USN, Megan (Mike ES USN) Zylius and Amanda Grawunder, two grandchildren, her sisters Dr Mary (Tom) Vanko, Dina (Kevin) Navas, Lucretia (Tom) Graham and her twin Anne (Keith) Marciano and her brothers John, Frank (Karen) and Joe Bertucci

**Theresa E. Grilli**

Mass was said at St Fabian Church, Bridgeview, on Monday, with Interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Theresa E Grilli, 87, a longtime Burbank resident She was the wife of the late Frank She was a member of St Fabian Women's Club, St Fabian Seniors and was a Founding Family member of St Fabian Parish

She is survived by her children Darlene (John) Legg, Marlene (Mike) Sleboda, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**Sharon M. Grutza**

Mass was said at St Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Friday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Sharon M Grutza, 64

She is survived by her husband Michael, her children Mark and Matthew and her brothers Ron (Judy) and Ray (Joyce) Vodar

**Dorothy M. McGlone**

Mass was said at St George Church, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with interment at St Benedict Cemetery, for Dorothy M McGlone. She was the wife of the late Robert

She is survived by her children Robert McGlone, Marilyn (Terry) Gray and Wayne McGlone, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren

**Filippos A. Petropoulos**

Services were held at St Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church, Palos Heights, on Tuesday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Filippos A Petropoulos, 83, native of Simiades, Greece

He is survived by his wife Konstantina, his daughter Georgia (James) Xeros and three grandchildren

**Frederick S. Shannon**

Mass was said at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre for Frederick S. "Fred" Shannon. He was the regional director for Catholic Charities South Cook County, a Member of Calumet CC, the Fr Joseph O'Callahan Knights of Columbus #2174 and the Most Holy Redeemer Choir.

He is survived by his wife Katharine Pasterb Shannon, his son Bruce (Mary Susan) Shannon, two grandchildren and his sister Patricia (William) Michitsch.

**Raymond Michael Studniarz Sr.**

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Saturday, with interment at Tinley Park Memorial Cemetery, for Raymond Michael Studniarz Sr He was retired from Hostess after 40 years of service as a salesman He was a basketball coach at St Michael School and a baseball umpire for many local high schools.

He is survived by his wife Lynn, his children Deborah (Bill), Ray, Sally and Susan (Brendan), his step-children Glenn (Shirley) and Bryan, fourteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren

**Thomas F. Trahey**

Mass was said at St Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Tuesday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Thomas F Trahey He was a third generation member of Plumbers Local #130

He is survived by his wife Mary Ann, his children Thomas F (Arabella) Trahey III, Lori (Dickson) Gorski, Timothy (Therese) Trahey, Jerome Trahey and Denise (Mark) Pell, ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild


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Board Page

## Conflict Of Interest Ordinance

A relatively short meeting of the Oak Lawn Village Board on Tuesday saw the Board of Trustees pass the anticipated Conflict of Interest and Influence ordinance. From the first time Dr. Sandra Bury stepped into the Village's President's position, she said she would like to see all board members be more transparent when they conducted village business.

The conflict of interest ordinance was designed to give board members the chance to announce a conflict with village business.

The ordinance would make it mandatory for a trustee to let any village official announce a possible conflict of interest with village business.

Trustee Robert Streit said the ordinance seemed to be 'a good beginning' but it didn't go far enough. As it stands, the ordinance addresses trustees and their families, but he thinks the ordinance should have gone further. He said it should include the village lawyers and even 'domestic partners.' The comment was pointed to Mayor Bury who is the only unmarried member of the board.

It was stated that the village lawyers though not named would be included in the ordinance as appointed personnel. However, it was stated that the ordinance could be rewritten to specifically name the village attorney with no problem.

After more discussion on how far this ordinance can go, the board passed the ordinance with the stipulation that the ordinance would be revised from time to time.

Village Manager Larry Deetjen requested that a $5 million line of credit be renewed. This line of credit, opened since 2010 and never been used to date, was in place as a cushion if the village would ever need it. The request was granted. The renewed agreement will be for two years.

With the proliferation of foreclosures in the village, many realtors have been buying homes to rehab for rent. The board passed an ordinance that requires a bond to begin the rehab. This way the village has some control over the process.

## *Avila To Address American/National Can Retirees*

**Commissioner Frank Avila (pictured), with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will address the American/National Can Retirees, Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 10 a.m., following a 9:30 breakfast at Mabenka Restaurant, 7844 S. Cicero Ave. in Burbank.**

**Edward Surma, coordinator, announced the commissioner will talk about the Asian Carp problem.**

**Commissioner Avila has over 40 years of experience as an engineer and land surveyor, lending his talent to over 300 engineering projects. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana and a master of science from the University of Arizona.**

## *Grandmother Faces Homicide Charges*

**On Oct. 6th Oak Lawn Police and The South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force headed by a member of Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart's office began an investigation into the death of a 6 month old baby girl.**

**On Oct. 7th The Cook County State's Attorney's office approved one count of first degree murder against the baby's grandmother, Alfreda Ciedrojc (pictured), 62, of 6605 W 91st Street, Oak Lawn. Ciedrojc has no criminal convictions.**

**The six month old baby, Vivian, lived in Bolingbrook, with her parents. Her father and grandfather had stepped out of the grandparents' house for a short time when this horrific event took place.**

**Ciedrojc appeared Monday in Cook County 5th District Bond Court located in Bridgeview.**

## *"Halloween Serenade"*

**Witches! Curses! Ghosts! A full moon and dark shadows in the night. . .**

**Such is the setting for ArtCraft Theatre Projects' upcoming musical comedy "Halloween Serenade", which opens on Friday, Oct. 18 in the Performance Hall at Bethany Union Church, 1750 W. 103rd Street.**

**ArtCraft is the community theatre in residence at the church as a continuing fundraiser for the 141-year-old Beverly neighborhood landmark.**

**Halloween Serenade is a screwball comedy musical of magic spells and mayhem brought about by a haunted houseful of witches, invisible ghosts, black cats, mistaken identities, as well as a love story thrown in for good measure.**

**Adults and young folks will enjoy the macabre musical merriment, just in time for Halloween!**

**Performances are Friday night, Oct. 18 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 20 at 3 p.m.**

**Advance reservations are $12 for adults; $10 for students and senior citizens; and $5 for children under age 10.**

**The first 40 reservations each night are seated at quaint, informal candlelit tables. Standard row seating is available as well.**

**Reservations can be called into the Box Office at (708) 341-2476, or by email to artcraftheatre@yahoo.com.**

**A cluster of witches (back row) Katelyann Hohman, Jessica Patrick, Michelle Paiewski, Katie Gray, Rebecca Jiricek; (front row, left) Morgan Johnson prey upon innocent law student Jose Moreno (center), who is attacked by a playful black cat Amanda Janis (right).**

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 14 Monday Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 15 Tuesday Special Events Committee Meeting 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 15 Tuesday OL Library Board Meeting 94th & Raymond, Lower Level Rotary Room, 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 15 Tuesday Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 16 Wednesday Final Farmers Market, Dumke Dr. at 52nd Ave., 7 am. to 1 p.m.

OCTOBER 16 Wednesday Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room 119, 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 17 Thursday Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 19 Saturday Holiday Craft Show and Business Showcase, OLCHS PTSA, 9400 Southwest Highway, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

OCTOBER 21 Monday Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 22 Tuesday OL Village Board Meeting Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 22 Tuesday Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 23 Wednesday Green Team Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 24 Thursday OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

OCTOBER 24 Thursday Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 31 Thursday Worth Township Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

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## *Host 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament*

**The Mount Assisi 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tournaments were held the weekend of Sept. 14th and 15th. On Saturday, St. Alexander (Palos Heights) won the tournament. The champions are Maddi Brennan, Ally Corcoran, Anna Djikas, Madeline Glennon, Emily Mara, Molly O'Leary, Sam Reidy, Abigaile Rosynek, and Jaime Ryan. They are coached by Mike Glennon. Second place honors went to St. Francis Xavier of LaGrange. The team members are Natalie Giron, Maddie Morkin, Abigail O'Connell, Kate Doyle, Clare Doyle, Bridget Corrigan, Kaysie Stuba, Jenna Winfrey, Mary Devine, Bridget Holly, and Laurea Brock. Their coaches are John Zotti and John Bauer.**

**The champion of the Sunday Tournament was St. George (Tinley Park) coached by Kevin Saunders. Kaitlin Castrogiovanni, Kira Cambrell, Morgan Weber, Lauren Tucker, Gisele Smith, Lottie Deltgen, Molly Houlihan, Katie Saunders, Jessica Weglarz, Genevieve DeMauro, Anna Carroll, Tabitha Willis, and Kanisha Smith were the champions. Second place honors went to St. Barnabas (Chicago). Players include Colleen Flood, McKenna Kallianis, Maya O'Neill, Elyse Peichocki, Eva Kelly, Maeve Sheridan, Anna Guerra, Emma Kallianis, and Jasmine Thompson. St. Barnabas is coached by Mike and Maggie Maloney and Mike O'Neill.**

# 'Last Blast' Signals End Of Major Excavation At Thornton Reservoir

Over 152 billion pounds of 400-million year-old dolomite limestone has been blasted and removed from the Thornton Composite Reservoir since 1998, and the very last blast took place last week.

Located along interstate 80 in southern Cook County, this important component of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRD) Tunnel and Reservoir Plan will be operational by December 2015.

The MWRD executed an agreement with the owner of the Thornton quarry 15 years ago to mine the north lobe of the quarry for use as a component of the MWRD Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP).

"Part of the MWRD mission is to protect the Chicago area waterways from raw sewage while protecting homes and businesses from flood damage, and this project will be doing both," said MWRD Commissioner Michael Alvarez, chairman of the MWRD storm water management committee. "The Thornton Reservoir will greatly benefit communities throughout the south side of Chicago and south suburbs of Cook County once it's completed."

The second phase of TARP involves the construction of three reservoirs which, when completed in 2029, will provide more than 18 billion gallons of storage capacity. Besides the Thornton Reservoir, the McCook Reservoir is also under construction. Stage 1 of McCook Reservoir is scheduled for completion by Dec. 31, 2017 and will add 1.5 billion gallons of storage capacity. Stage 2 of McCook Reservoir will add 6.5 billion gallons of storage capacity. The Majewski Reservoir was completed in 1998 and provides 350 million gallons of CSO storage. Since it went online, the Majewski Reservoir has provided over $250 million in flood reduction benefits to its service area in Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, and Mount Prospect.

The first phase of TARP was completed in 2006 and consists of 109.4 miles of deep, large diameter tunnels that have a total storage capacity of 2.3 billion gallons. The tunnels have provided millions of dollars in flood protection benefits. TARP's large tunnels and reservoirs are designed to reduce the amount of combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and hold the polluted water until it can be fully treated at MWRD water reclamation plants. Since the TARP tunnels went online, the average annual number of days with CSOs has reduced to 50 from 100.

TARP was the first system of its kind to address pollution and flooding and is emulated by cities around the world, including London, Singapore and Vienna. While these projects are large and costly, TARP has provided solid evidence that such a system is effective and valuable infrastructure.

The Thornton Reservoir is set to come online at the same time as disinfection facilities at the MWRD Calumet Water Reclamation Plant in Chicago, which also serves the southern area of the county. Working in tandem, the combination will maximize water quality while minimizing flooding.

Information about TARP can be found at www.mwrd.org/irw/tarp/tarpmasterplan

# Children's Fall Festival

Good Shepherd Center will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary of serving children with and without disabilities by hosting a "Children's Fall Festival" on Saturday Oct. 26th from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Homewood Auditorium, 2010 Chestnut in Homewood. The main attraction will be music and live entertainment by "The Scribblemonster." Other fun activities for children will be arts & crafts, carnival games and a costume parade at 12:30. Free popcorn and cotton candy is provided and hotdogs and pizza will be available for purchase.

Admission is only $5 per person or $20 per family. To ensure prizes for all, payment is required upon registration. Register by calling Linda at Good Shepherd Center (708) 335-0020 ext. 10 or lindaf@gscenter.org. More information about the agency can be found at www.gscenter.org.

Good Shepherd Center has been serving children with and without developmental disabilities and their families since 1963. Services provided include speech, developmental, occupational and physical therapy; In-Home Respite Care and training opportunities for parents and child care providers. Good Shepherd Center also hosts the Strong Children, Strong Communities conference, for parents, educators, and child care providers.

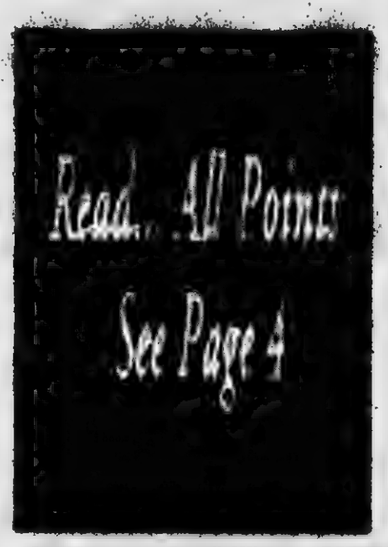
# Secretary Of State Offices To Close For Columbus Day

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that all offices and facilities that are normally open Monday through Friday will be closed Monday, Oct. 14th in observance of Columbus Day.

Driver service facilities that are normally open Tuesday through Saturday will be closed on Saturday, Oct. 12th.

All driver service facilities will be open for regular business on Tuesday, Oct. 15th.

Individuals can visit the Secretary of State's web site, www.cyberdriveillinois.com, to change an address, register to become an organ and tissue donor or renew license plate stickers by mail.




# Compete To Win A Job At 670 "The Score"

Saint Xavier University and WSCR 670 "The Score" are teaming up to discover Chicago's next social media guru with the "Saint Xavier University Score Search" contest.

The contest, which is taking place now, offers the opportunity to win a coveted social media position at The Score, Chicago's first and premier sports radio station and flagship of the Chicago White Sox. The winner will serve as The Score's social media expert and will help strategize ways to grow the station's media presence.

The contest will be conducted through a series of live auditions. Register to audition at www.thescorescarch.com. After registering, participants will be contacted with an audition time and date for some time during October. Auditions will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 14, 15 and 16 near SXU's Chicago campus at Gilhooley's Grande Saloon, 3901 W. 103rd St.

The Score Program Director Mitch Rosen and CBS Chicago.com Digital Director Eric White will identify the top 10 candidates from all onsite applicants for formal interviews. The final four candidates will then be selected from the remaining group. Listeners will have the opportunity to get to know these candidates by visiting the station's website, where a comprehensive section will be devoted to "The Score Search." There, they can read bios of the finalists, stream audition videos, and vote for their favorite candidate.

The "Saint Xavier University Score Search" will conclude with a live broadcast heard on-air, online at CBSChicago.com, and through mobile devices, where the final winner will be chosen. "As we enter the competition for the fifth year of Score Search, this year is positioned to be the best yet," Rosen said. "We have embraced social media by updating our listeners to breaking news, giving them exclusive access to special events, and providing intelligent sports content from our talent and columnists."

For more information, call [illegible] 729-3936 or visit www.thescorescarch.com.

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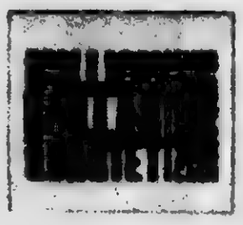

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# Celebrate 2013 Fire Prevention Week

The Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) announced it is joining the national campaign from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to prevent house fires as part of Fire Prevention Week (FPW). This year's campaign runs through October 12th and the goal of the FPW is to provide the public with safety tips to promote safe cooking and kitchen habits for the entire family.

According to the NFPA, cooking is the top cause of home fires and home fire injuries nationwide. This year's campaign theme is "Reduce Kitchen Fires" and focuses on encouraging the public to practice safe habits while using the stove, microwaves and other kitchen appliances.

"Remaining attentive while cooking and keeping small children away from hot appliances help prevent tragedies," said Fire Marshal Larry Matkaitis. "We cannot stress enough the importance of having working smoke alarms in different parts of the house and a home sprinkler system if possible. In addition, every member of the family should follow fire safety tips and be involved in the family's a collective effort to prevent house fires."

In Illinois between 2010 and this year, more than 5,300 home fires have started in the kitchen area. Those fires have resulted in 43 fatalities and 361 injuries and a total dollar loss of close to $78 million. This year alone, 793 of those fires have claimed 2 lives and injured 47.

OSFM offers the following safety tips:

- Be alert! Don't use the stove or stovetop if you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol.
- Stay in the kitchen while frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly.
- Remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains away from your stovetop.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where water is boiling, or where hot food is prepared or carried.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in a safe place near the kitchen in case of a small fire.
- If a kitchen fire gets out of control get everyone out of the house and call 911 immediately.

For more information on fire prevention visit the OSFM website at www.sfm.illinois.gov

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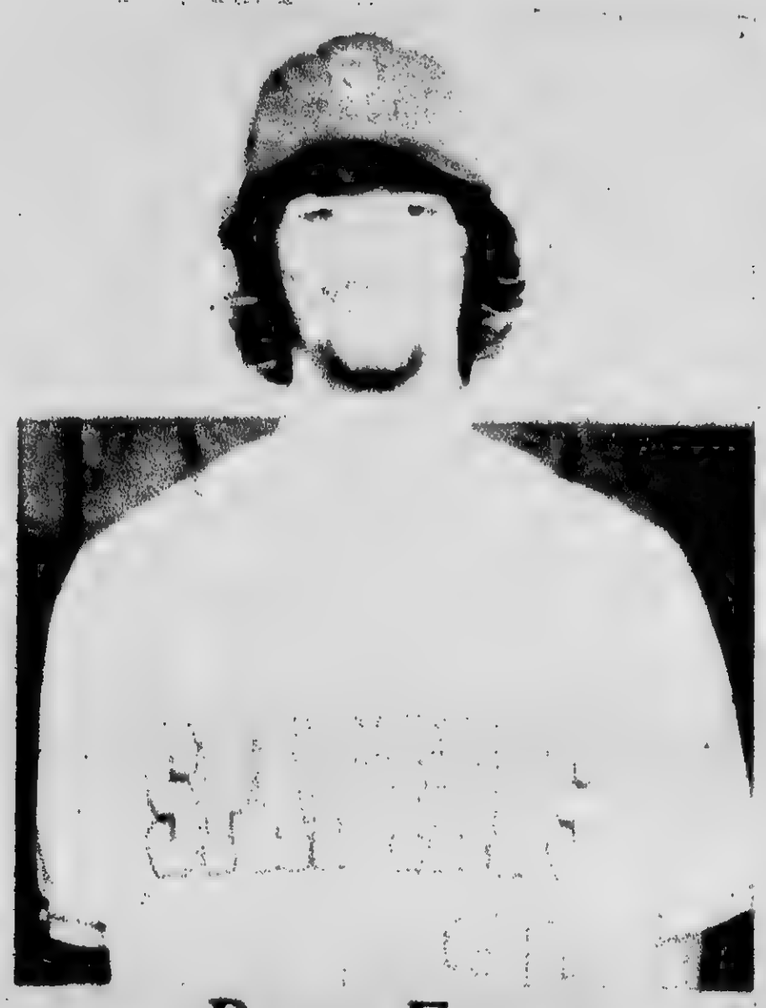

# *Baxa Earns Scholarship To Pitch*

**Standing at 6-foot-5 and being a pitcher is typically a good thing, and for Class of 2013 Oak Lawn Community High School baseball player Lee Baxa (pictured), it meant a scholarship to continue his career at Moraine Valley Community College in the fall and spring.**

**Baxa served as a relief pitcher on the 2013 South Suburban Conference Red championship team last year as a senior. He also started the last regular season game against Morton, where he pitched well. He finished the year with 3 and 2/3 innings pitched and allowed 4 hits, 2 earned runs and struck out 1.**

**Baxa really embraced his role and led the team with his enthusiasm for the game and for winning. Now he will take that attitude to Moraine Valley.**

**Baxa also played basketball while at Oak Lawn.**

# Ridgeland Avenue Corridor Study

A Public Information Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 29th at 7 p.m. at the Chicago Ridge Village Hall, 10455 Ridgeland Ave., to discuss the Ridgeland Avenue Corridor.

The Village of Chicago Ridge is working with neighboring communities to study Ridgeland Avenue between 79th and 135th streets. The goal is to transform Ridgeland Avenue into a street that better accommodates businesses, neighborhoods, commuters, bikers and walkers.

For more information, visit the project website: https://ridgelandcorridor.wordpress.com

Funded by the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), the Ridgeland Avenue Corridor Study is a planning initiative of the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways.

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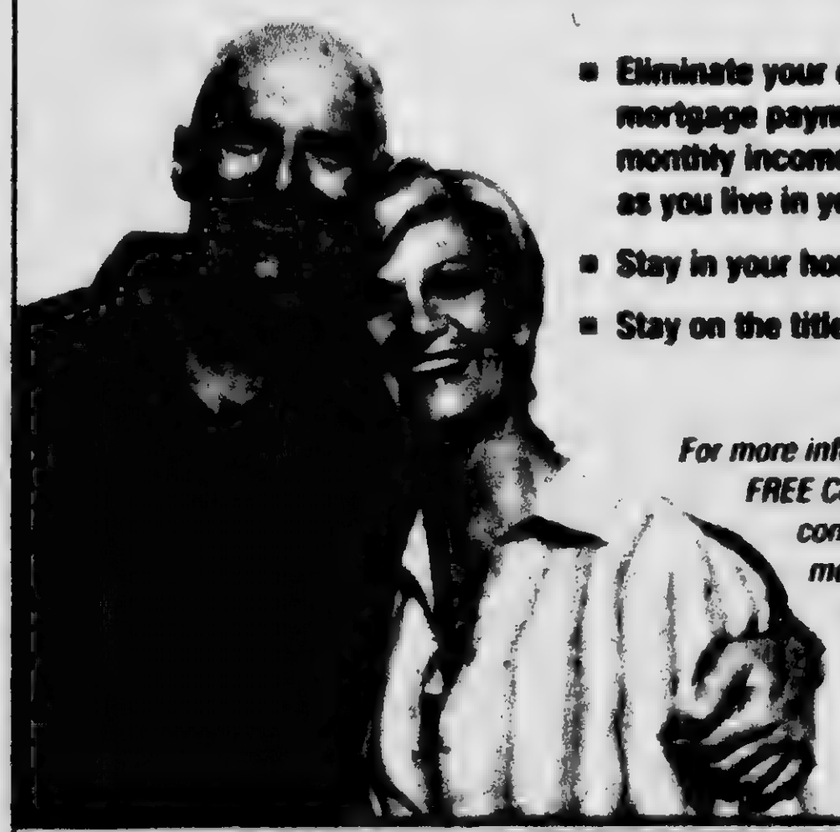

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# EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

## *Expand Early Education With Tobacco Tax Increase*

President Obama has proposed to expand early childhood education and fund it with an increase in federal tobacco taxes. In Illinois, this initiative would provide 12,497 more children from low- and moderate-income families with access to high-quality preschool in the first year alone and prevent 62,500 kids from becoming addicted smokers, according to a report released by nine organizations that focus on early learning and or public health.

Additional Illinois benefits include:

Additional funds provided for preschool in the first year: $102.5 million.

Residents saved from premature, smoking caused deaths: 38,200.

In his fiscal year 2014 budget, President Obama proposed to expand federal funding for early education programs, paid for with a 94 cent per pack increase in the federal cigarette tax and a proportional increase in the federal tax on other tobacco products. Taken together, these two measures would help create a future of smart, healthy kids nationwide and in every state, the report concludes.

The report can be found at www.smarthealthykids.org. It details the educational and health benefits of the President's proposal state-wide and in every state.

Nationwide, the President's proposal would ensure that 74,[illegible] children in low- and moderate-income families have access to high-quality preschool and prevent [illegible] million kids from becoming addicted smokers.

Organizations releasing the report are the American Lung Association, National Women's Law Center, Save the Children, MomsRising, Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, American Heart Association, and American Academy of Pediatrics.

## *Lipinski Joins Vets At WWII Memorial*

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-3) made sure that 90 veterans with Honor Flight Chicago who departed recently from Midway Airport got to visit the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., ignoring National Park Service warnings that the trip would have to be cancelled and they would be turned away because of the ongoing shutdown of the federal government. Joining Rep. Lipinski in thanking these heroes for their service and accompanying them to the memorial was former Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson.

"The World War II Memorial belongs to the brave men and women who put their lives on the line and courageously fought for our country and protected our freedoms. Denying these veterans, as well as their friends and family, access to the memorial and ruining their day because of the bickering and gridlock in Washington would have been unconscionable," Rep. Lipinski said. "I was proud that Secretary Nicholson could join me on this special day made all the more memorable by the determination and patriotism of these honorable veterans."

Honor Flight Chicago has made 52 trips to Washington, providing World War II veterans with an all-expenses-paid day filled with honor, remembrance and celebration, including the ceremony at the World War II Memorial on the National Mall. Southwest Airlines donates the cost of the round-trip flight between Midway Airport and Washington. The trip returned to Chicago at 8:45 p.m., concluding with a celebration at the airport for the returning heroes.

"I'm always in awe of our World War II vets, but the spirit and resolve they demonstrated today was extremely moving," Rep. Lipinski said. "If only members of Congress and the administration could follow their example and make sacrifices for the good of the country, this pointless shutdown would come to an end in no time."

## *Bipartisan Effort For Solution To Government Shutdown*

With the federal government shutdown reaching its third day and no end in sight, U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-3) joined a bipartisan group of House members in offering a path to getting the government up and running again. At a joint appearance with more than 20 Democratic and Republican colleagues, Rep. Lipinski urged the passage of a continuing resolution that extends current funding levels for six months and provides both sides the opportunity to sit down and get the country's fiscal house in order for the long term.

"This shutdown is disgraceful. Our bipartisan proposal to end it is not my first choice and it is far from ideal. Both sides should have sat down and worked out a full-year funding bill and a long-term debt reduction plan that eliminates the sequester, while also agreeing to raise the debt ceiling. But if an individual's ideal is not possible to achieve in the legislative process, the responsible thing to do is to work together to get the best possible outcome for the American people. Insisting on one position and refusing to compromise hurts our nation, as we see happening with this shutdown that is hurting our nation," Rep. Lipinski said. "Today I am happy to join with a bipartisan group of members who understand this and are offering a credible, commonsense solution to reopen the federal government. This solution is not perfect, but it is a good-faith effort to advance the common good of our nation. Once funding for the government is restored, Congress and the President should immediately sit down and get to work on raising the debt ceiling and addressing our long-term debt problem. Then we can return to other issues, especially the most important business of fixing the economy and getting people back to work. It is time for bold, commonsense action that prioritizes the 'good of the American people, not politics.'"

To facilitate passage of the funding bill the group is calling for a fully offset repeal of the medical device tax scheduled to take effect next year.

The shutdown that started Oct. 1 has cost the U.S. economy an estimated $300 million a day and is hurting our already-weak economy. It also has resulted in real-life consequences for millions of Americans. Rep. Lipinski has heard from businesses in his district concerned about having to send workers home because the government inspectors they rely on to function are being furloughed. He has also heard from constituents unable to get new Social Security cards and others who can't file their taxes on time due to the IRS closing its doors.

## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

The Cook County Health & Hospitals System has announced the opening of Oak Forest Health Center (OFHC), where new radiology and laboratory services will be offered. The nearly $6 million transformation will allow the county to provide CT scans, ultrasounds and mammogram screenings at the regional outpatient center.

Officials also announced that the OFHC Immediate Care Center (ICC) is again operating 24 hours.

"These improvements follow through on our commitment to provide Southland residents with high quality health care that is accessible and close to home," Cook County Board President Tom Preckwinkle said. "Residents will have better access to primary care and better coordinated specialty care at the Oak Forest Health Center. This is just one of the ways we are modernizing the county's health and hospital system."

Last year, patient visits at Oak Forest Health Center topped 100,000 while visits to the ICC exceeded 16,000 visits for adults needing non-emergency care. With the additional services available including gynecology, pulmonary, cardiology, podiatry and optometry, the Cook County Health & Hospital System (CCHHS) anticipates patient visits will continue to grow.

"The health care model in this country is shifting to a focus on prevention and out-patient services," said Dr. Ram Raju, CEO, CCHHS. "OFHC is uniquely positioned to provide these services and meet the needs of our current and future patients."

The renovated regional outpatient center houses a new diagnostic center that includes a modern laboratory with six radiology suites.

The new radiology department is digital and filmless with a picture archiving communications system (PACS). PACS electronically connects the health center to the rest of the health system, which allows patients to seamlessly move through the system for more specialized care or additional consultation is required.

Conveniently located in the same facility are a primary care center, the Immediate Care Center and a specialty care center for patients to get a full range of services including nephrology, gastroenterology, infectious disease and neurology services. Pharmacy and rehabilitation services also are available on site.

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State Rep. Bob Rita tells All Points he is calling for answers in the wake of a joint media investigation that alleges the state Lottery director helped steer business to his former company.

The Better Government Association and WFLD-TV Fox 32 in Chicago last week reported that Jones lobbied the Lottery's private operator, Northstar Lottery Group, to give a contract worth nearly $170,000 to a company that Jones formerly owned.

The report also contended that Jones initially lobbied in 2011 for a research contract to go to the company but that idea was rejected when the governor's office learned of the situation. The company then changed its name, and Jones later successfully persuaded Northstar to give it the contract – a move Northstar says it made under strong urging by Jones.

Rita, a Blue Island Democrat who now heads the House's consideration of gambling legislation, said he was troubled both by the allegations and Jones' responses to the reporters. He is asking the Legislative Audit Commission, which he sits on, to look further into this contract and a troubling audit from the summer that raised extensive questions about bookkeeping and financial management at the Lottery.

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The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners has unanimously approved the Cook County Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO). The WMO provides uniform stormwater management regulations for Cook County in order to prevent future commercial, municipal, and residential development and redevelopment projects from exacerbating flooding.

The MWRD hosted four public meetings and a study session earlier this year to offer the public the opportunity to voice their opinion regarding the proposed ordinance. Paved roads, parking lots, walkways, and buildings make cities livable, but they also reduce the amount of land on which water can be absorbed and can lead to increased flooding without sufficient regulation.

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The ACTION Sertoma Club will host its 9th Annual Fall Festival Friday, Oct. 11, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. at Gaelic Park, 6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest. Tickets are $60 each. The evening will feature an open bar, roasted pig dinner, live entertainment, bean bag tournament, and raffle drawing. "Fall Into Cash Grand Prize of $7,000." Proceeds to benefit Sertoma Centre, Inc. For information call Dom Porto at (815) 485-5311 or visit their website at www.actionsertoma.com.

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Palos Township has announced it will hold a community shred-it event for its residents on Friday, Oct. 11th from 10 a.m. to Noon at the Palos Township Offices, 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills.

In the interest of privacy, the shredding will take place on site, at their offices. Personal records, documents, old bank statements or other papers are typical of items you may wish to shred.

For more information, contact Mary Wallenburg at (708) 598-4418.

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Cook County Board President Preckwinkle has announced her intention to appoint Romayne Brown to the Metra Board of Directors.

Brown is a retired transit manager with more than 30 years of operations and customer service experience. She started her career at the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) as a conductor and rose through the ranks, eventually earning the position of Vice President of Rail Operations. As VP of operations Brown's primary responsibility was to develop and administer policies, programs and procedures to ensure the timeliness and safety of rail transit service to more than 500,000 customers daily.

"Romayne Brown's job was to make sure the trains ran safely and on time," President Preckwinkle said. "Her decades of transportation experience will be a great asset to the Metra Board which needs someone who knows what it takes to operate a mass transit rail line. I hope the infusion of new members will allow the board to return to its core mission and improve transit service for commuters throughout the region."

During her tenure at CTA, Brown also served as superintendent of rail personnel and as general manager of rail operations, where she oversaw the operational, maintenance, administrative and customer service functions for CTA's Red, Purple and Yellow Lines. Brown, a native of Chicago's South Side who has lived in Dolton for more than 20 years, retired from the CTA in 2010.

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Save the Date: PLNS (Parental Engagement & Networking Support) located at South Suburban College, will host their First Annual Open House on Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the South Holland Campus.

A special event for parents, designed to showcase the programs, services and financial advantages that South Suburban College offers students of all ages. Free credit class for attendees over 25 (some restrictions apply ASAP). Pre-registration is suggested. For pre-registration, or more information, email PLNS@ssc.edu or call (708) 596-2000, ext. 2315.

# Celtic Arts Rising At the IAHC

If you only get to the Irish American Heritage Center once or twice a year, try to attend the fifth annual Irish Book, Arts and Music celebration, iBAM! Chicago 2013, which comes to the Center Oct. 12-13 with two special concerts Oct. 11 and 13.

This year's theme is Celtic Arts Rising and is a comprehensive weekend of Celtic culture in all its flavors and variations.

A fundraiser for the Center and its Library, iBAM! is Friday, Oct. 11 through Sunday, Oct. 13. iBAM! is an Irish cultural celebration that brings together authors, artists and musicians from North America and Ireland. The celebration features concerts, art exhibits, panel discussions, poetry readings, a literary salon with author readings and music, live music, theater, dance performances and children's activities all under one roof. The iBAM! 2013 Raffle is two round-trip tickets to Ireland-good for one year, a cottage and rental car for a week. Tickets for the raffle will be sold all weekend and the drawing will take place during the Black Family Concert on Sunday, Oct. 13. Tickets are one for $10, or three for $20.

Authors will sign and sell their books on Saturday and Sunday from noon-6 p.m. During the day and into the evening, there will be live music performances with Irish musicians from Ireland and all over North America. The Museum, Library and Art Gallery will be open for tours, exhibits and programming. Confirmed participants include authors Tim Pat Coogan, Morgan Llywelyn, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Monica Dougherty, Mary Beth Sammons, James M. O'Brien, John Shea, Cynthia Neale, Dr. Eileen Timmins, Kathy Goodman and storyteller Yvonne Heath.

Musicians: the Black Family in concert Sunday, Damian McGinty and Ben Kelly in concert Friday, Joe McShane, Jeff Ward, Cu Roi, Irish Music School of Chicago, Hail Tone, Academy of Irish Music, harpist Aislinn Gaghardi, Artists: Robert Hallagh, Thomas Joyce and Michael Carroll.

Dance: Learn how to dance a ceili on Sunday at 2 p.m. then stay for the ceili compliments of the Francis O'Neill Club from 3-5 p.m. Theatre: Joanna Rush presents excerpts from her one-woman play, Asking for It.

"We are honored to present two special concerts during the weekend. Damian McGinty and Ben Kelly who perform on Friday, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. and the Black Family (Mary, Frances, Shay and Michael) perform on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 5 p.m. Tickets are $18, $35 and $75 for either concert. Note: Members of area Irish clubs and organizations can take $10 off the concerts with the code: irishclubs.

On Saturday night, Oct. 12, celebrate the contributions of the Irish with the iBAM! Cocktail Party and Gala Awards Dinner in the IAHC Linn Ballroom. iBAM! 2013 awardees include actor Brendan Gleeson (performing arts), author Tim Pat Coogan (literature), the Black Family (music), artist Robert Hallagh (visual arts), and Father Jack Wall (Person of the Year). Cocktails are at 6:30 p.m. in the Linn Room, followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. There will be a silent auction throughout the evening that includes week-long cottage stays in Ireland, sports memorabilia and gift baskets. Dress is black-tie optional. Dinner tickets are $125 for irishclub Members and $150 for non-members.

There will be Mass on Sunday at 10 a.m.

Tickets for the daily iBAM! sessions from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday are $10 in advance and $15 at the door. Children 12 and under are free. Students and faculty pay $5 with ID. Admission gets you into any of the panels, readings, lectures, film, theater, ceili and more! A full schedule can be downloaded at www.ibamchicago.com. To purchase tickets, call Irish American News at 847-872-0700, visit www.ibamchicago.com or call the Center at 773-282-7035. iBAM! Chicago 2013 is a fundraiser for the Irish American Heritage Center.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

President Barack Obama, complaining about the Republicans who want to use their Constitutional power of the purse to stop or slow down Obamacare, said to the media during a press conference recently:

"One faction of one party in one house of Congress in one branch of government doesn't get to shut down the entire government just to relight the results of an election. You don't get to extract a ransom for doing your job, for doing what you're supposed to be doing anyway, or just because there's a law there that you don't like."

Actually, yes they do Mr. President. It is called CHECKS-and-BALANCES.

It is part of the system of government we have had and that has worked quite well for 226 years. The system of checks-and-balances is an important part of the U.S. Constitution. With checks-and-balances, each of the three branches of government can limit the powers of the other two. This way one branch does not become too powerful. Each branch "checks" the power of the other branches to make sure that the power is balanced between them.

Maybe the president needs a Constitution 101 refresher?

David E. Smith, Executive Director
Illinois Family Action
Mokena, Illinois

# Mount Assisi Open House

Mount Assisi Academy, 13860 Main Street, Lemont, will hold an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 20th from 1 to 4 p.m.

Mount Assisi Academy has been preparing high school girls to be the next generation of Catholic women leaders since 1951.

For more information, visit www.mountassisi.org or call (630) 257-7844.

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# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## Tilden Tech Alumni Hall Of Fame Dinner & Reunion

On Friday, Oct. 18th, the Tilden Tech Alumni Association will hold its 42nd Annual Hall of Fame Dinner and Reunion honoring the 70th Anniversary of the class of 1943, 60th anniversary of the class of 1953 and 50th anniversary of the class of 1963. This will be held at the Lexington House, 7745 W. 95th St. in Hickory Hills.

Five outstanding graduates of Tilden Tech H.S. will be inducted into the Hall of Fame: Carl Mantegna (Class of 58) Hickory Hills, John Robles (54) Chicago Beverly Area, Ron Rope (52) Lemont, Edward Kamansky (43) Santa Clara, CA, and Paul Dinolfo (48) Palos Hills (posthumous).

For more information, contact Dinner Co-Chairmen Dave Caspert at (708) 361-9234 and Lou Zemke at (708) 301-0474.

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## Present Monty Python's SPAMALOT

The Beverly Theatre Guild (BTG) is the first community theatre company to premier Monty Python's SPAMALOT, directed by Glenn Hering (Beverly), musical direction by Terri Lenz (Beverly), choreography by Tom Fagan (Orland Park) with Ass't Choreographer, Jen Lenihan (Chicago). Performances will run for two weekends this Oct. 18, 19, 20 and Oct. 25, 26, 27.

SPAMALOT is lovingly ripped off from the classic film comedy, Monty Python and the Holy Grail. It retells the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table featuring a bevy of beautiful showgirls, not to mention cows, killer rabbits, and French people. This outrageously funny musical will delight the entire family.

King Arthur played by Rob Sorenson, was in BTG's Camelot as Lancelot, then Prince Charming in Cinderella and now is King in SPAMALOT. He never knew how much fun it is to be King! He truly has gone through the Royal procession of BTG.

This production has brought some of the most talented actors in the Chicagoland area for your and their enjoyment. These include, Wayne Wendell (Beverly) as Sir Lancelot and a BTG Best Performance Award recipient for his portrayal as The Dentist in *Little Shop of Horror*, Jeannie Rega Markiomi (Chicago Heights) as The Lady of the Lake (who played BTG's Narrator in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat); Tim Casey (Alsip) as Patsy (who was Marcellus Washburn in last season's *The Music Man*); Mike Neary as Sir Galahad (also last seen as Harold Hill in *The Music Man*); Mike Maty (Evergreen Park) as Prince Herbert's Father and Singing Monk (BTG performances include in *Little Shop of Horrors*, *JC Superstar*, *Baby*, and many other memorable parts. Mike is also the recipient of the Best Performance Award in *Sweeny Todd*); Joe Collins (Chicago) as The Historian who is a recipient of the Best Performance Award in *Moon Over Buffalo*, Eileen Casey (Alsip) who won last season's Best Performance Award for her part as Eulalie Shinn in *The Music Man*, Laurie Videka Kritzka (Homer Glen) another Best Performance Award recipient of BTG from Picnic; Bonnie Rynies (Palos Hills) as Mrs. Galahad; Jim Seeberg (Orland Hills) as Finland Mayor; and Vita Bender (Orland Park) as Mrs. Finland Mayor.

Other very talented cast members that have been with BTG and or other companies are Jeffrey Pastiak (Frankfort) as Sir Robin; Rocco Ayala (Chicago) as Sir Bedevere; Larry Symanski (Evergreen Park) as Sir Bors; Benjamin Golas (Alsip) as Prince Herbert and Not Dead Fred; Vincenzo Mancari (Hinsdale) as French Taunter; Scott Hayes (Lombard) as The Knight of Ni; Jim LaPietra (Berwyn) as Tim the Enchanter; James O'Connor (Evergreen Park) as The Black Knight; Kathy Cargill (Palos Ht's) as Frenchie; Jennifer Collins (Evergreen Park) as a Laker Girl; Staci Cousert (Crestwood) as a Laker Girl & Killer Rabbit Puppeteer, Andie Zaragoza (Orland Park) as a Laker Girl; Lauren Krull (Orland Park) as a Laker Girl, Alison Elzinga (Alsip) as a Laker Girl; Rick Schuler (Tinley Park) as Concorde; Mark Dillon (Oak Lawn) as Sir Not Appearing in this Show; and the rest of the ensemble are Jon Meester (Chg Ht's), Ian McCafferty (Burbank), Hanah Remes (Tinley Park), Josh Bender (Lockport), Kristopher Symanski (Evergreen Park), Kate Rolette (Tinley Park), and Mia Taylor and Matt Dwyer (Beverly).

This production of SPAMALOT will be dedicated to Cynthea "Cindy" McKown (1953-2013) who became a member of the Guild in 1985 and immediately became a mainstay of the organization. Her dedicated service was recognized with the Guild's Distinguish Service Award in 1992. Cindy was a pillar of the Guild and the relationships she formed with its members and its audiences were deep and lasting. She will be missed very much by all her friends of the BTG.

All performances are in the Barr Theatre, at Morgan Park Academy Arts Center, 2153 W 111th Street, Chicago. Fridays and Saturdays curtain at 8 p.m. and Sundays curtain at 2 p.m.

Tickets are $20 per person. Season Subscribers save 20% with Guaranteed Reserved Seats and the ability for Ticket Exchange of each production. For ticket information please call 773-BTG-TIXS (284-8497) or visit: www.BeverlyTheatreGuild.org. Group Tickets discount also available.

In France, the Mime explains the meaning of the giant wooden rabbit to the Castle Guards and the Can-Can Dancers (from left: Kathryn Cargill (Palos Heights), Bonnie Rynies (Palos Hills), Vincenzo Mancari (Oak Lawn), Vita Bender (Orland Park), James O'Connor (Evergreen Park), Staci Cousert (Crestwood), Jennifer Lenihan (Chicago), Andie Zaragoza (Orland Park), Jennifer Collins (Evergreen Park), Lauren Krull (Orland Park), Alison Elzinga (Alsip) in Beverly Theatre Guild's production of the musical Monty Python's Spamalot.

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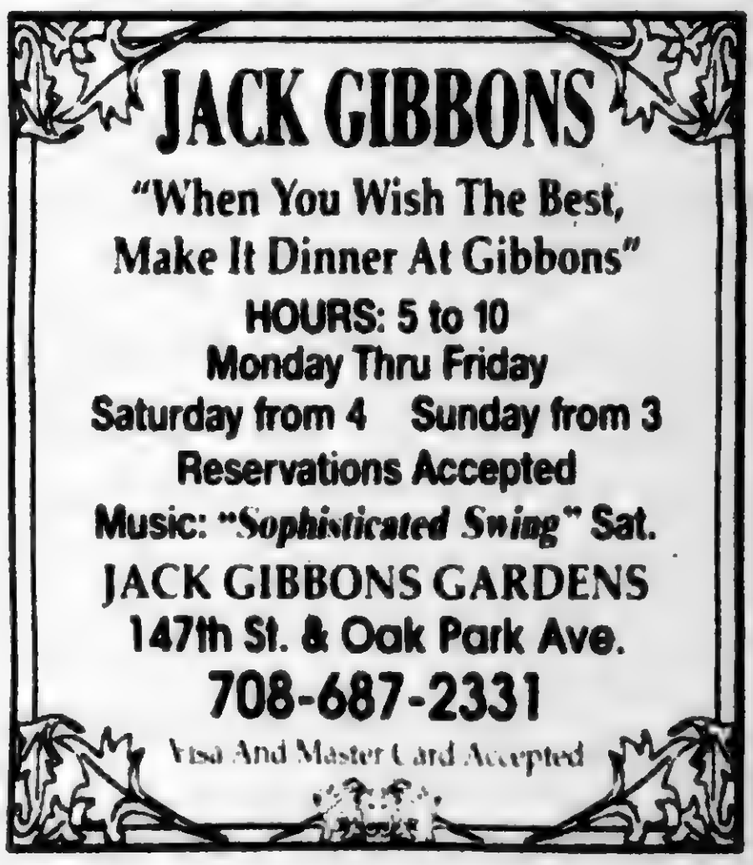


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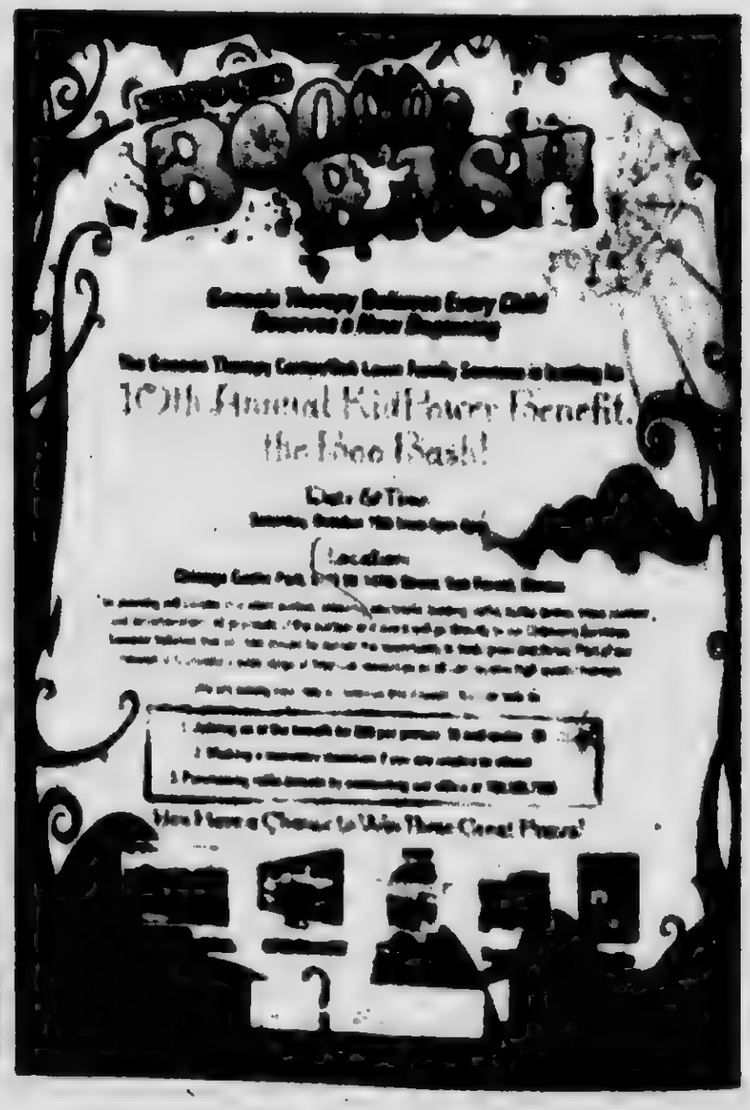

# Health & Nutrition

Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Ms. Lysen is currently on vacation. Her column will resume upon her return.

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## Exposure To Bats &The Risk Of Rabies

Bats are the primary carrier of rabies in Illinois and already this year, 41 bats have tested positive for rabies in 17 counties. In 2012, 63 bats tested positive for rabies in Illinois.

Rabies is a virus that affects the nervous system of humans and other mammals. Humans can get rabies after being bitten by an infected animal. Rabies can also be contracted when saliva from a rabid animal gets directly into a person's eyes, nose, mouth or a wound. People usually know when they have been bitten by a bat, but bats have very small teeth and the bite mark may not be easy to see. If you find yourself in close proximity to a bat and are not sure if you were exposed, for example – you wake up and find a bat in your room, do not kill or release the bat before calling your doctor or local health department to help determine if you could have been exposed to rabies and need preventive treatment.

Any wild mammal such as a raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote or bat, can have rabies and transmit it to humans. An animal does not have to be aggressive or exhibit other symptoms to have rabies. Changes in any animal's normal behavior, such as difficulty walking or an overall appearance of illness, can be early signs of rabies. For example, skunks are normally nocturnal and avoid contact with people, but a rabid skunk may approach humans during daylight hours. A bat that is active during the day, found on the ground or is unable to fly, is more likely than others to be rabid. Such bats are often easily approached, but should never be handled.

The following tips can help prevent the spread of rabies:

- Be a responsible pet owner. Keep vaccinations up-to-date for all dogs, cats and ferrets. This requirement is important to not only keep your pets from getting rabies, but also to provide a barrier of protection for you if your animal is bitten by a rabid animal.
- Keep pets under direct supervision so they do not come in contact with wild animals. If your pet is bitten by a wild animal or exposed to a bat, seek veterinary assistance for your pet immediately.
- Call the local health department or animal control agency to remove stray animals in your neighborhood.
- Avoid direct contact with unfamiliar animals. Do not handle, feed or unintentionally attract wild animals with open garbage cans or litter.
- Never adopt wild animals or bring them into your home. Do not try to nurse sick animals to health. Call animal control or an animal rescue agency for assistance.
- Teach children never to handle unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic, even if they appear friendly. "Love your own, leave other animals alone" is a good principle for children to learn.
- Prevent bats from entering living quarters or occupied spaces in homes, churches, schools and other similar areas where they might come in contact with people or pets.

Information about preventing bats from entering a building may be found at http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/pubbats.htm

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## Taking Steps For PANDAS/PITAND/PANS Awareness Day

In celebration of Governor Quinn proclaiming Oct. 9 as PANDAS/PITAND/PANS Awareness Day, the parent group, PANDAS Advocacy and Support invites the public to join them on the stairs at Swallow Cliff, in Palos Park, on Sunday October 13 from 1 to 4 p.m.

It all started a year ago with an article in the August 2012 Chicago Parent http://www.chicagoparent.com/magazines/chicago-parent/2012/august/features/pandas

In about a years' time, PANADAS/PITAND/PANS Advocacy and Support of Illinois has grown to include over 100 families and they continue to add members daily. These families are struggling with the medical, social, educational and financial impacts of PANDAS/PITAND/PANS. They spend hours upon hours researching how best to help their children and often times learn to understand the medical complexities better than doctors themselves. This must change. PANDAS/PITAND/PANS Advocacy and Support of Illinois is dedicated to improving the quality diagnosis and effective treatment outcomes for all children with PANDAS/PITAND/PANS. They strive to build public awareness, provide family support, and gather the resources to stay informed to keep children healthy.

PANDAS (Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcus) and its associated PITAND (Pediatric Infection Triggered Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder) and PANS (Pediatric Acute onset Neuropsychiatric Disorder), are medical, immune disorders that are becoming more and more prevalent throughout the country. PANDAS is not rare, but is rarely diagnosed. It is more commonly misdiagnosed as Tourette Syndrome, ADD/ADHD, behavioral disorders, bi-polar disorder, OCD and even autism. Each and every day all are struggling with the medical, social, educational and financial impact of this disorder. It is a mountainous task, very aptly symbolized within this family friendly event at Swallow Cliff. This climb represents the difficult tasks these children and families face every day. Step by step, the families rise to the challenge before them. The PANDAS/PITAND/PANS Awareness and Support group of parents will be located to the left of the stairs under a canopy. Information in the form of postcards about PANDAS/PITAND/PANS will be available to the general public and the families. A copy of the Proclamation will be on display and the group will be on hand for support or questions. No donations will be solicited. In the event of rain, the climb will be canceled.

The group is dedicated to improving quality diagnosis and effective treatment outcomes for all children with PANDAS. By holding this event, they strive to build public awareness and provide the family support that is needed to keep these children healthy. The group thanks the Forest Preserve District of Cook County staff for working with them to provide a family friendly and healthy celebration, while raising awareness amongst the community.

For more information, contact Michele Kleczkowski at (708) 280-8012, shelajacqueline@aol.com; Kris Thompson at (630) 962-9310, kristhompson3@sbcglobal.net, or Wendy Nawara at (630) 479-7143, Wendy@pppas.org

## Morning Of Spiritual Reflection

The Sisters of the Little Company of Mary invite all area residents to attend a Morning of Spiritual Reflection on Saturday, Nov. 9th from 9 to 11 a.m. at the LCM Mary Potter Physicians Pavilion, lower level meeting rooms, 2850 W. 95th St. in Evergreen Park.

Fr. John Merkelis, O.S.A., will make his 7th return presentation at Little Company of Mary Hospital. He is an Augustinian priest, the Pastoral Director at Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox and also assists with weekly Mass at St. Barnard Parish in Homer Glen. Time spent with him has been characterized as a "truly dynamic experience"." As the season of Advent approaches, Fr. Merkelis will help us to spiritually prepare for the Christmas season.

This enriching morning is sponsored by the Little Company of Mary Sisters and is offered complimentary to all. They will be collecting small warm weather items such as mittens, stocking caps and warm socks and donating them to a local PADS shelter for families who come there during the cold winter months. Cash donations are also gratefully accepted. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for registration and a continental breakfast. The presentation will begin promptly at 9 a.m. To register for this free event, call Suzanne Petrouski at (708) 229-5095 or Marianne Kraft at (708) 229-5437.

## Take Action On Radon Gas To Prevent Lung Cancer

Oct. 20-26 is National Radon Action Week, according to the U.S. EPA. Health agencies throughout the United States have joined forces to promote awareness of the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers. The American Lung Association, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Cancer Institute all agree that radon is a national health problem and encourage radon testing during the October awareness drive.

Radon is a naturally-occurring, invisible and odorless radioactive gas. One in 15 American homes contains high levels of radon. Millions of Americans are unknowingly exposed to this dangerous gas. In fact, a recent study by Harvard University ranks radon as America's No. 1 in-home hazard. By taking simple steps to test your home for radon and fix if necessary, this health hazard can be avoided.

Radon gas is not isolated to certain geographical areas or home types. Radon problems have been detected in homes in every county of the U.S. It caused more American fatalities last year than carbon monoxide, fires, and handguns combined! If a home hasn't been tested for radon in the past two years, EPA and the Surgeon General urge you to take action. Contact your state radon office for information about locating qualified test kits or qualified radon testers.

The federal commitment made by EPA, the General Services Administration, and the departments of Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, and Veterans Affairs will focus efforts on radon reduction and mitigation in homes, especially those of low-income families, many of whom do not have the resources to make the simple fixes necessary to protect their homes and loved ones. Learn more about the Federal Radon Action Plan at www.RadonPlan.org

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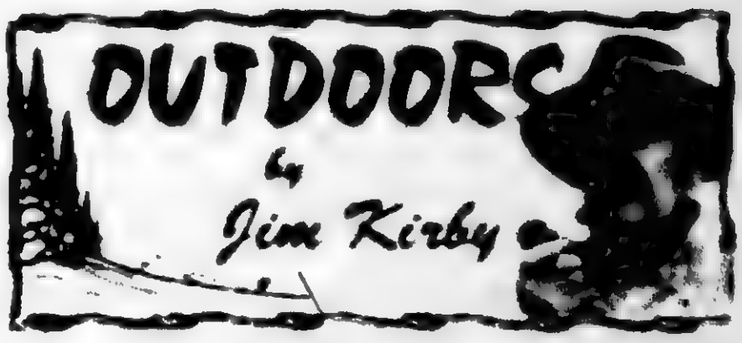


**FALL SALMON AND TROUT FISHING HEATS UP IN INDIANA** [illegible]

[illegible] **Mike** or **Ed**

**■OUTDOOR CALENDAR: Oct. 12-13** - [illegible] ***Oct. 12-13** - [illegible] ***Oct. 19-20** - [illegible] **Bill Brady** [illegible] ***Oct. 17** - [illegible] **Sarah Zack** [illegible] **Pat Charlebois**, the program's [illegible] ***Oct. 19** - Illinois Fall Inland [illegible] Fish Tales Fishing Club will meet this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Bremen Township Building, 15800 S. Oak Park Ave. in Oak Forest. There will be a snack and coffee table, split the pot and raffles. Guest speaker is Sarah Zack. She will have information that should be interesting to all anglers. [illegible]

**■REGIONAL OUTDOOR REPORTS: *Cook County** - [illegible] Capital Improvement Plan we are renovating public spaces and buildings to improve your overall experience at the forest preserves, including a boathouse at [illegible]

***Illinois** - [illegible] Archery Deer and Fall Archery Turkey seasons are open Oct. 1 to Jan. 1st 2014. Resident [illegible] archery deer permits, resident antlerless-only archery deer permits are available over-the-counter from DNR [illegible] Direct license and permit vendors [illegible]

***Indiana** - Are you a hunter who likes to hunt in archery, shotgun and muzzleloader and the special antlerless season? The deer bundle license is for you. It allows the harvest of [illegible] antlered and 2 antlerless deer combined through all 2013 deer seasons with the exception of the urban deer [illegible]

***Michigan** - Although surveys show that the leading reason that individuals participate in deer hunting is simply to spend time outdoors with family and friends, harvesting a deer is still very important to many deer hunters. No amount of hunting guarantees a harvest, but preparation and hard work are keys to producing the best chance to take a deer. The 2013 deer season is expected to be a successful year for many hunters and, as always, will certainly offer the exciting challenge we call "hunting." For more information about deer hunting seasons and opportunities, [illegible]

***Wisconsin** - Cool, foggy mornings made for a great southern duck opener in east central Wisconsin. Hunters reported good numbers of mallards, wood ducks and teal. Goose hunters are beginning to have success with the increase of [illegible] being harvested. Musky fishing has been "bordering on excellent" in the Northwoods with anglers reporting multiple catches on a single trip. The sucker bite was "to go."

**■THINK ABOUT IT:** "If you fish solely for food you're going to be frustrated because you won't always bring home a meal. If you fish just to compete, you're going to be disappointed because you will lose more often than you win. If you fish for enjoyment, you will always be a winner." (*Mike Sheldon*)

# Chicago Bulls Youth Basketball Camp

[illegible] Chicago Bulls Youth Basketball Camp [illegible] Bulls Youth Academy instructors, a camp T-shirt, and a replica autographed photo of NBA MVP Derrick Rose.

Parents may learn more details and register on line at www.bullsyouthacademy.com

# Halloween Campfire Program

"Fun Lights by Firelight," a free, all-ages family program will be held on Friday, Oct. 18th at 7 p.m. with programs offered at both Isle a la Cache Museum in Romeoville and Plum Creek Nature Center in Beecher. Registration is required for this Forest Preserve District of Will County program.

Stories, games and treats – all are planned for this program. Join in around a warm campfire and share what is special about the season, whether it's scary fun or tasty goodness. Wear your favorite holiday costume and mask and appropriate clothing for the weather.

Weather permitting this program will take place outdoors on uneven natural terrain. The program will be moved indoors to an accessible facility if inclement weather exists.

Isle a la Cache Museum is located at 501 E. 135th Street (Romeo Road), 0.6 mile east of Route 53, in Romeoville.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located at 27664 S. Dutton Road, 1.25 miles east of the intersection of Routes [illegible] and 394 on Cuseleton Road in Beecher.

For information and registration for the program at Isle a la Cache Museum, call 815-886-1467.

For information and registration for the program at Plum Creek Nature Center, call 708-946-2216.

# Marist Girls At Pekin Invite

**Marist Varsity Girls Golf Team traveled to Pekin, IL to compete in the Pekin Lady Dragon Classic on Saturday, Sept. 28th. The tournament was played at Lick Creek Golf Course at a challenging length of 5,728 yards – approximately 400 more yards than any invite played by the RedHawks this year. The course has a rating of 73.2 and a slope of 129. Great course for a tournament.**

**The Marist RedHawks placed 6th in the 15 team field with a team score of 488. Leading the way for the RedHawks were Ashley Kay 18th place, Sam Smith 28th place, Kelly Barker 32nd place, Anna Schieber 52nd place, Kaitlyn Maloney 68th place and Hannah McMahon 70th place in the 90 player field.**

**Pictured left to right: Anna Schieber, Hannah McMahon, Kaitlyn Maloney, Sam Smith, Kelly Barker, Ashley Kay.**

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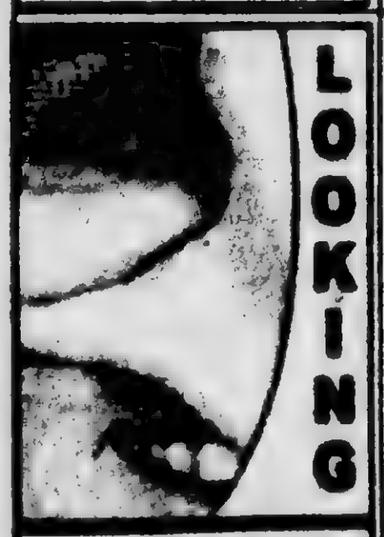

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# *Police Officials, Richards Administration Partner*

While perhaps not as compelling as video cameras or police dog locker searches, conversation ranks as effective as any measure in maintaining safe schools.

Local police officials and Richards High School administrators talked security this week. And then they talked about how parents need to talk with their children about the subject.

Richards employs every security measure - the video cameras, a closed campus, photo IDs for students and staff, full-time security personnel, a police liaison officer, many others - but cooperation and communication always have been the most important preventives.

"Talk to your kids. If they hear things that could be a threat to school safety, please call the school or police department to report the information," said Mike Kaufman, the division chief of investigations for Oak Lawn.

Tom Simon, also a division chief in Oak Lawn, encourages parents to know their children's friends well.

"One of the most important things that parents can do is to make sure you know who your children are friends with. If they have good friends, they're probably going to be alright," Simon said.

Naturally, the opposite holds true.

"If they are hanging out with troubled kids or kids that are getting into trouble, then those children will probably have issues, too," Simon said.

Parents also need to remind their children of the role they play at school. Every student and teacher has a right to feel safe.

Some issues that seem trivial actually are vital to maintaining a safe campus. Richards continually reminds students not to open doors for strangers. But they do it occasionally.

"Parents need to talk with their children about that. It may seem minor to the student, but it is quite serious," said Detective Eugene McNulty, the police liaison officer at Richards.

With McNulty on staff at Richards, communication remains constant between the school and police department. District 218 has employed school liaison officers more than two decades.

"We share information to assist the school with making the learning environment safe for all," Kaufman said.

District 218 maintains a telephone line for parents to report security concerns anonymously. The number is (708) 572-9405.

## Oak Lawn Library Events

(708) 422-4990 or visit www.oaklawnlibrary.org

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., has an all-new Kids' Corner. Highlighted by colorful murals from children's author and illustrator Kevin Luthhardt, this spacious area offers plenty of outlets for creative play. Younger children will delight in the sensory wall allowing them to experience various textures, movements and sounds. Others will love the blocks, puzzles, trains and play kitchen. And the comfortable seating is the perfect place for caregivers and children to share some of the library's latest picture books.

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Join in the fun for story-telling, read-alouds, songs and games at "Afterschool Storytime" on Thursdays, Oct. 24 from 4:45 p.m. Registration begins 10 days before each session.

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The library will host "Baby Time!" on Thursdays, Oct. 24 and 31 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Join in for stories, music and some fun free-play for ages 6 through 23 months with an adult. Registration is not required. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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Are you having trouble finding the eBook you want? Learn how to navigate Media on Demand and Axis 360 quickly and easily. Bring your devices for the second half of the program, and library staff will answer patron questions about downloading eBooks on Tuesday, Oct. 22nd at 2 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Library. To use Media on Demand, your library must be part of the Media on Demand consortium. To use Axis 360, you must be an Oak Lawn resident.

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A free movie screening of "Psycho" will be shown on Friday, Oct. 25th at 10 a.m. A Phoenix secretary steals $40,000 from her employer's client, goes on the run and checks into a remote motel run by a young man under domination of his mother. 1960. R. 109 min.

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A free lecture on the opera "Parsifal" will take place on Sunday, Oct. 27th at 1:30 p.m. At this informative session, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain the plot, play musical selections and give background on the composer. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Public Library.

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The library's Local History Coordinator Kevin Korst will present an encore program of "Cemeteries Around Chicagoland" on Monday, Oct. 28th at 7 p.m. He reveals the meanings behind grave symbols, what famous people are buried nearby, and local stories and legends of what lies beneath.

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Dr. Kevin Luke, Orthopedic Surgeon and Medical Director of the Bone & Joint Institute at Advocate Christ Medical Center, will discuss the facts about today's joint replacements on Wednesday, Oct. 30th at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library.

# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

An exclusive veteran hiring event, connecting veterans and military spouses with local and national veteran-friendly employers, is coming to Macy's on State Street, 111 North State Street, on Thursday, Oct. 24th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

More than 100 veterans and military spouses are expected to attend this great opportunity to meet face-to-face with veteran-friendly local and national employers, including Morton Salt, Walgreens, TTX Company, Sysco Chicago, University Health System Consortium, Jernberg Industries, CAI RIIF Corp., Baird and Warner, Capital One, McDonald's Corp., C.R. England, Quest Diagnostics, UTC Aerospace, Home Depot, and many more.

This event is proudly sponsored by DeVry University and is being produced by RecruitMilitary in cooperation with the American Legion.

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The Village of Orland Park Veterans Commission will hold its 14th Annual Steak Fry for all Orland Park veterans on Sunday, Nov. 3rd. The 1 p.m. event will be held at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 S. Ravinia Ave. Tickets are $10 per person and include dinner and beverages, limit two per person. Beer, wine and soft drinks are included in the ticket price. Tickets are available at the cashier's window in Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 S. Ravinia Ave. The Steak Fry is open to Orland Park veterans only. If a non-resident is a member of an Orland Park military organization, i.e. Orland Memorial American Legion Post #111 or Orland-Palos Reber-Tesmond Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2604, a membership card must be presented to purchase tickets.

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The Illinois Veterans of Foreign Wars, and its Ladies Auxiliary, will host the annual Big Ten Conference in Rolling Meadows, IL on Oct. 18-20. The Big Ten consists of the following ten states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The conference is held each year in October, alphabetically, and this year is Illinois' turn to host the events. There will be a reception on Friday evening to meet and greet old friends and meet new ones. Saturday there will be meetings, lunch and a banquet. At the Ladies Auxiliary afternoon session each state will present a membership skit which is always fun.

The State VFW Headquarters is accepting Conference registration, which is $100 per person. Registration forms can be found on the Illinois VFW state website at www.vfwil.org. Click on the links on the right of the page for the appropriate form.

Hotel reservations may be made directly with the hotel of choice by following the online link. The hotel registration form may be mailed directly to either hotel. For more information, contact the State Headquarters at (217) 529-6688 of email vfwil@vfwil.org.

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Governors State University, 1 University Parkway, University Park, invites veterans to the fall meeting of the Veterans Writing Group, where Veterans can engage in the craft of narrative writing in a small group setting. Veterans will enhance and learn new skills and share camaraderie with other vets in a supportive workshop environment. There is no charge for participation in the Veterans Writing Group. To register, contact Robin Thompson, University Lecturer and Coordinator of the program, at (708) 534-4581 or rthompson@govst.edu.

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Learn about the role of women during the Civil War on Tuesday, Oct. 15th at Saint Xavier University's 2013 John T. Farrell, Sr. Fall Forum.

The "Women of the Civil War" by Jim Weren is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Butler Reception Room, in the Warde Academic Center at SXU's Chicago campus, 3700 W. 103rd St. The event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served.

Weren, of Naperville, is a Civil War expert, portrait artist, and storyteller. Through a series of detailed pencil drawings, intriguing anecdotes and historical facts, Weren tells tales of the Civil War and enhances the history lessons found in textbooks. His presentation features more than 50 women of the era: living soldiers, doctors, lawyers, freed slaves, nurses, teachers, spies, writers, abolitionists, artists, journalists, wives and mothers.

Weren said the mobilization for war sparked the transformation of gender and racial roles, and upset long-held customs and attitudes.

For more information, contact Kathleen Fassi at (773) 233-3770 or kfkato@aol.com.

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Quote of the Week: The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart. — Elisabeth Foley

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Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.

# Enjoy Country Charm

Join in at Harvesting the Spirit: DownTOWN on the Farm, for a gala affair with country flair to support Lambs Farm. The event being held on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the distinguished Sidney Yates Gallery in the Chicago Cultural Center will raise money for Lambs Farm's programs for men and women with developmental disabilities.

Mingle with friends as you enjoy a spectacular reception featuring delectable hors d'oeuvres, gourmet seated dining, and dancing to the music of The Mix, all with a country twist. Come in cocktail attire or put together an elegant mix of denim and diamonds or black tie and boots. Guests will find more than great food and drink: they can also bid on fabulous live and silent auction items or take part in the paddle raiser to benefit a Lambs Farm program.

Reservations are $250 each. Many Sponsorships are available, some of which come with complimentary seating at various levels, a free listing in the ad book, or other recognition opportunities. Proceeds from the event support Lambs Farm's vocational, residential, recreational and social programs. For more information about this event or to purchase tickets, contact Nikki Bonamarte at (847) 990-3733 or nelvg@lambsfarm.org, or visit the website at lambsfarm.org.

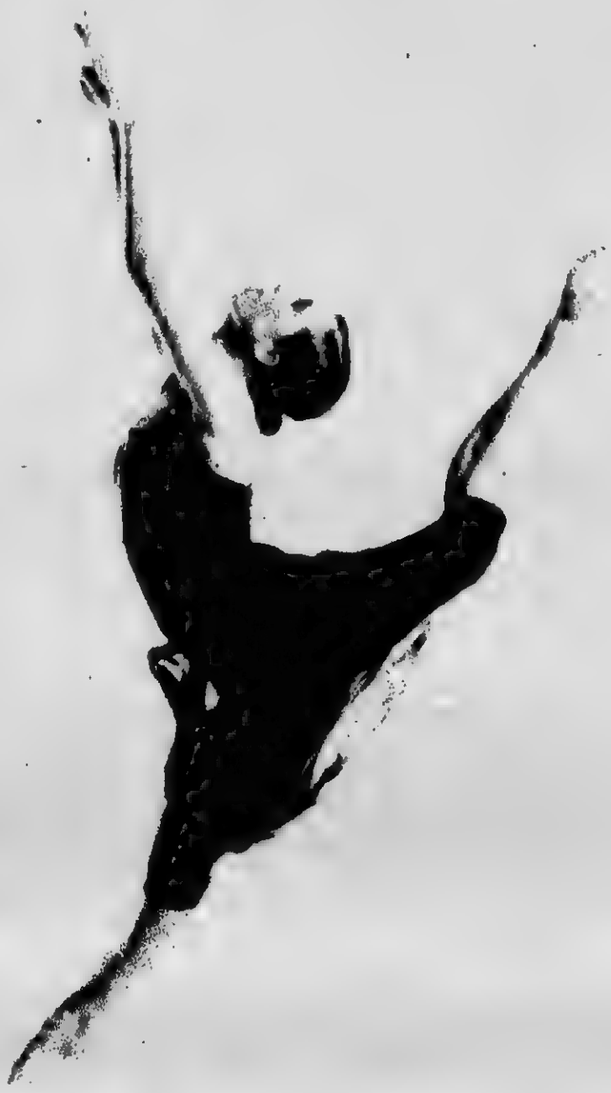
# Major Gifts Campaign

Mount Assisi Academy has embarked on a three-year Major Gifts Campaign entitled "It Takes a Village: Ensuring Our Future." The goal of this important campaign is to raise $3 million to increase financial aid and scholarships to continue to attract top-notch students.

In addition, continuous momentum in the areas of faculty recruitment, retention, and professional development is a goal so that their educators can further their career through professional development and continue to learn new ways to strengthen the art of their teaching. Finally, they will continue to strive toward improvements in technology and their facilities so they can be faster, more efficient, and a leader in the delivery of their curriculum to best prepare their graduates for the future.

If you would like additional information regarding Mount Assisi Academy and the unique ways they are forming the next generation of Catholic women leaders or to learn about Mount Assisi Academy's original copywritten program, Roadmaps, contact President Kimberly Johnson Quinn at 630-257-7844, ext. 222.

# "Dance Chicago" Returns



World-renowned professional dancers will return to Orland Park on Oct. 26 when the Village of Orland Park Arts Commission presents "Dance Chicago" at the Carl Sandburg High School Performing Arts Center.

Dance Chicago will perform in Sandburg's ornate theater at 7:30 p.m. The evening's repertoire includes urban, tap, aerial, ethnic, ballet, break dancing, jazz and more.

Dance Chicago Artistic Director and Curator John Schmitz and Fred Solari of the Athenaeum Theatre created Dance Chicago in 1995 with donations from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Philip Morris Companies, Inc and WPWR Channel 50 Foundation. Now celebrating its 18th season, Dance Chicago features the city's broadest range of dance styles from more than 350 choreographers.

Colleen Panega has served on the village's Arts Commission since it was created by McLaughlin in 2001. "We are very excited to have Dance Chicago come back to Orland Park," Panega said. "Each show is tailored for what the audience enjoys and John Schmitz knows what the Orland Park community likes from past shows. It will definitely include something for everyone," she added.

Reserved seating tickets are available at the Village of Orland Park Recreation Administration Building, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue. Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for seniors and students. The building is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door. For more information, call the Recreation Department at (708) 403-7275.

# Class Reunions

Marian Catholic — Class of 1963 will celebrate its 50-year class reunion weekend at 7 p.m. on Oct. 25th at Marian Catholic High School, 700 Ashland Ave., Chicago Heights, with food and open bar for $25. The reunion will also feature a Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 26th at the MCHS student chapel, followed by the class reunion from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at Idlewild Country Club, 19201 Dixie Highway in Flossmoor. The cost is $75, which includes dinner and an open bar. Contact *marianchs.com*, Jim O'Hea, at teohea17@aol.com or Carol Burke Swanson at (708) 756-9775 or cswanson@marianchs.com.

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Mother McAuley St. Xavier Academy Alumni Association — will hold an all-class reunion and McAuley Hall induction ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 2nd at Mother McAuley High School, 3737 W. 99th St. Ticket packages start at $35. Food, drink and entertainment will be featured throughout the evening. Call (773) 881-6565 or visit *mothermcauleyalumni.org*.

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Marian Catholic — Class of 1978 will celebrate its 35-year reunion on Nov. 29th at the Flossmoor Country Club, 1441 Western Ave. Contact hmesch@comcast.net.

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Tilden Tech Alumni Association — 42nd Annual Hall of Fame Dinner and Reunion honoring the 70th Anniversary of the class of 1943, 60th anniversary of the class of 1953 and 50th anniversary of the class of 1963, which will be held at the Lexington House, 7715 W. 95th St., Hickory Hills, on Friday, Oct. 18th. Inducted into the Hall of Fame will be: Carl Mantegna, Class of 1961 Hickory Hills, John Robles 1954 Chicago Beverly Area, Ron Boge 1952 Lemont, Edward Kaminski 1943 Santa Clara, CA, and Paul Dinolfo 1948 Palos Hills (posthumous). Contact Dinner Co-Chairmen Don Caspar at (708) 361-9234 and Lou Zemke (708) 301-4475.

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Mother of Sorrows High School (in Blue Island) — All class reunion will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19th from 7 to 11 p.m. at Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th St. in Merrionette Park. Email contact information to tapott722@aol.com or Tammy Donegan Price (Class of 1981) http://www.mosallclassreunion2013.myevent.com or call (708) 620-4499 to leave your contact information.

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Kelly High School — Class of January 1964 is planning a 50-year reunion and is looking for classmates. Contact William Malesky at bmalesky@comcast.net or (630) 220-1770, Laura (Bohanek) at ron.laura@comcast.net or (815) 462-9334, or Gerald LaBarge at jnlabarge@comcast.net or (630) 852-9371.

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St. Leo Grade School — Class of 1953 is planning a 60th anniversary class reunion in October. Contact Bill Gibbons (708) 229-7644, Jim Aldworth (312) 938-1912, or jimwallyball@comcast.net.

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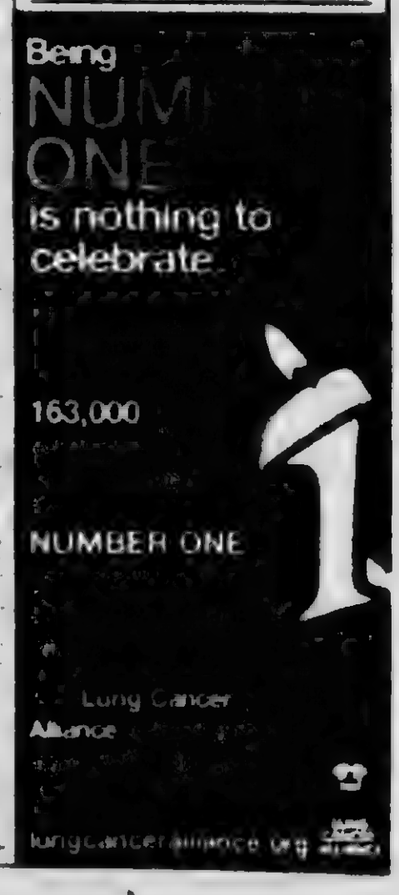



# October Is College Application Month

For the second year the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), high schools and community-based organizations around the state have joined the nationwide College Application Month campaign to encourage earlier college applications from students who might otherwise apply late in the school year or not apply at all.

Students can feel overwhelmed by the process of choosing and applying for college or other postsecondary training, particularly first-generation students who do not have an immediate family member who attended college, said Eric Zarnikow, Executive Director, ISAC.

Illinois has joined 38 other states and the District of Columbia in the American College Application Campaign. The primary purpose of College Application Month is to help high school seniors navigate the complex college admissions process and ensure they apply to at least one postsecondary institution. Many planned activities occur during the school day, with a focus on students who might not otherwise apply to college.

Over 200 local College Application Month workshops are scheduled throughout Illinois. A listing of events is available at http://www.collegechangeeverything.org/appmonth.

# Latest County To Discover Destructive Tree Killing Beetle

The emerald ash borer (EAB), a destructive pest responsible for killing millions of ash trees in North America, has been discovered in Rock Island County.

The tree-killing beetle was discovered in Hauscroth Park by an Illinois Department of Agriculture employee. Because no infestations of the pest previously had been confirmed in the county, the department submitted larvae it collected at the park to USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for identification. The agency confirmed the specimen as EAB Sept. 27.

Rock Island is the 41st Illinois county with a known infestation of EAB. The detection there followed finds in Jo Daviess and Whiteside counties earlier this summer and effectively means the beetle is now located throughout the northern third of the state.

The emerald ash borer is a small, metallic green beetle native to Asia. Its larvae burrow into the bark of ash trees, causing the trees to starve and eventually die. Since the first detection of the pest near Detroit, Mich., in 2002, it has killed more than 25 million ash trees.

The beetle often is difficult to detect, especially in newly-infested trees. Signs of infestation include thinning and yellowing leaves, D-shaped holes in the bark of the trunk or branches and basal shoots. Anyone who suspects an ash tree has been infested should contact their county Extension office, their village forester or the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Forty-one Illinois counties currently are under quarantine to prevent the artificial or "human-assisted" spread of the beetle through the movement of infested wood and nursery stock. A new, new amended quarantine that includes Rock Island, Jo Daviess and Whiteside counties soon will be put in place, but not until after IDOA has finished inspecting monitoring traps that were placed in the state this year to track the beetle.

The quarantine prohibits the removal of the following items:

- The emerald ash borer in any living stage of development
- Ash trees of any size
- Ash limbs and branches
- Any cut, non-coniferous firewood
- Bark from ash trees and wood chips larger than one inch from ash trees
- Ash logs and lumber with either the bark or the outer one-inch of sapwood, or both, attached
- Any item made from or containing the wood of the ash tree that is capable of spreading the emerald ash borer
- Any other article, product or means of conveyance determined by the Illinois Department of Agriculture to present a risk of spreading the beetle infestation.

The counties under quarantine are Boone, Bureau, Champaign, Clark, Coles, Cook, Cumberland, DeKalb, DeWitt, Douglas, DuPage, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Ford, Grundy, Henry, Iroquois, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Knox, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, Livingston, Macon, Macoupin, Marshall, McHenry, McLean, Moultrie, Ogle, Piatt, Putnam, Shelby, Stark, Vermilion, Will, Winnebago and Woodford.

For further information about the beetle, visit www.IllinoisEAB.com on the internet.

# Southwest Area Obituaries

### Eleanor F. Campbell

A memorial service was held at Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park, on Monday, with a private interment for Eleanor F. Campbell, 85, of Orland Park, formerly of Chicago Heights. She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church and the Happy Swingers Square Dancing Club. She was the wife of the late John P. Campbell Jr.

She is survived by her children Ruth, Richard (Nancy), Scott (Nara) and Karen (Michael Nugent) and nine grandchildren.

### Leo M. Collins

Visitation and Mass was held at St. Bernadette Church, Evergreen Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Leo M. Collins, 84.

He has no immediate survivors.

### Daniel P. Derrow

Mass was said at St. Mary Church, Frankfort, on Friday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Daniel P. Derrow, 64, late of Mokena. He was a Vietnam Veteran, a Past Commander of the Mokena VFW Post 225 and a member of the American Legion Post 130 from Calumet City.

He is survived by his daughter Kaitlyn Derrow, his brothers Donald (Gail), Kevin, Marc (John) and Martin (Laura), one grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

### Debra Ann DiNaso

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on September 26th, for Debra Ann DiNaso, 54, of Oak Lawn. She was employed by Jewel Food Stores for over 27 years.

She is survived by her husband Charles Jr., her children Shawn Janet, and Dawn Williams, one grandchild, her step-sons Charles R. (Michelle) and Thomas (Karen) DiNaso, her step-daughters Laura (Greg) Sheilds, and Amy (Todd) McEvoy, eleven step-grandchildren, her sister Lynette Lanik, her twin brother Bryan Lanik and her sister Denise (Jeff) DelosMonteros.

### Joseph A. Ibanez

A Memorial Service was held at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, for Joseph A. Ibanez, 65.

He is survived by his wife Betty Burfeind.

### Martin Lally

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, for Martin Lally, formally of Tourmakeady County Mayo, Ireland. He was a 44-year employee of Peoples Gas Company.

He is survived by his wife Mary Heneghan Lally, his children Peggy (Donald) Fitzgibbons, Patsy Nugent, Martin (Cindy), John (Cindy), and Michael (Dawn), eighteen grandchildren, four great grandchildren and his brothers John and Michael (Juhai) Lally.

### Rev. Vito F. Mikolaitis

Mass was said at Nativity BVM Church, Chicago, on Thursday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Rev. Vito F. Mikolaitis, 77. He was a resident of Holy Family Villa in Palos Park and Pastor Emeritus Holy Cross Parish. He was also the former assistant pastor of St. Benedict Parish in Blue Island. He was a graduate of Holy Cross School, Quigley Preparatory Seminary and the University of St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary. He was ordained in 1943. Following his ordination he became assistant pastor of St. Benedict for a year then he began teaching at Quigley South until 1964. In 1971, he became assistant pastor of Holy Cross Parish. After ten years he moved to the Nativity BVM where he served until he retired.

He is survived by many nieces and nephews.

### William F. Maloney

Mass will be said at St. Patricia's Church, 9050 S. 86th Avenue, Hickory Hills, at 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 10th with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for William F. "Skip" Maloney, 69. He was a retired teacher with the Chicago Public Schools for over 36 years and a member of SER-TOMA for more than 20 years.

He is survived by his wife Sandra, his children Paul (Mary), Holly (Mark) Muehlbauer and Gregory (Kelly) Maloney, seven grandchildren and his siblings Mary Michael (Daniel) Tanty and Pat Maloney (L.J. Warter).

### Thomas L. McGrath

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Thursday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Thomas L. McGrath, 83. He was a U.S. Naval Veteran and a longtime Orland Park resident.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy, his children Michael (Hilary), Donna (Lee) Turner, and Julie (Larry) Becker, four grandchildren and his sisters Katherine and Patricia.

### Robert George Metzger

A memorial Mass was held on Saturday, Oct. 5th at St. George Church, Tinley Park, for Robert George Metzger, 68 of Oak Forest. He was a graduate of Lindblom High School in Chicago. He also attended the General Motors training school and was an auto mechanic prior to entering the U.S. Army. After the military, he worked for AT&T and retired in 1999 after 30 years of service.

He is survived by his wife Cynthia Marie and his son Robert (Cindy) Metzger.

### Timothy O'Donnell

Services were held at Chicago Gaelic Park, Oak Forest on Monday, for Timothy O'Donnell, 51.

He is survived by his siblings James, Colleen, Kevin (his twin), Eileen, Erin, Meg, and Kristy and many nieces and nephews.

### Theresa Marie O'Shea

Mass was said at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for Theresa Marie O'Shea.

She is survived by her sisters Mary Pat (George) Holtschlag, Peggy Mack, Kathleen Wilk, Eileen Borkovich and her brother Eugene O'Shea.

### George R. Seef, Sr.

Services were held in Orland Park, on Friday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for George R. Seef, Sr., 87, of Burbank. He was retired from the Chicago Fire Department with over 35 years of service. He was a Navy WWII veteran. He was the husband of the late Helen.

He is survived by his children George Jr., Michael (Naomi) and Margaret (Arnold) Franker, five grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and his brother Herman (June) Seef.

### Richard V. Wodarczyk

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Monday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Richard V. Wodarczyk, of Oak Forest, 80. He was a retired machine designer for Union Carbide/Viskase Corp. He was an Army Veteran serving in Korea.

He is survived by his wife Judith A., his children Mark (Debbie), Leslie (Mike) Flickinger and Lorel (Charlie) Napiwocki, seven grandchildren and his sibling LaVerne Jar.

### Bailee Ann Zaker

Mass was said at St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, on Monday, with interment at Fairmont Willow Hills, for Bailee Ann Zaker, 7.

She is survived by her parents David Zaker and Chastity, her brother Jameson, her grandparents Janet and Ted Zaker and Christine Kijanowski and Victor Maggio, great-grandparents Janice and Dennis Mihalek, Thomas Kijanowski, Edna and Earl Baker, Alice Randall and Victor Maggio, Sr. and her godfather Lance Corporal Daniel John McLaughlin, Jr. USMC and Angela Perak.


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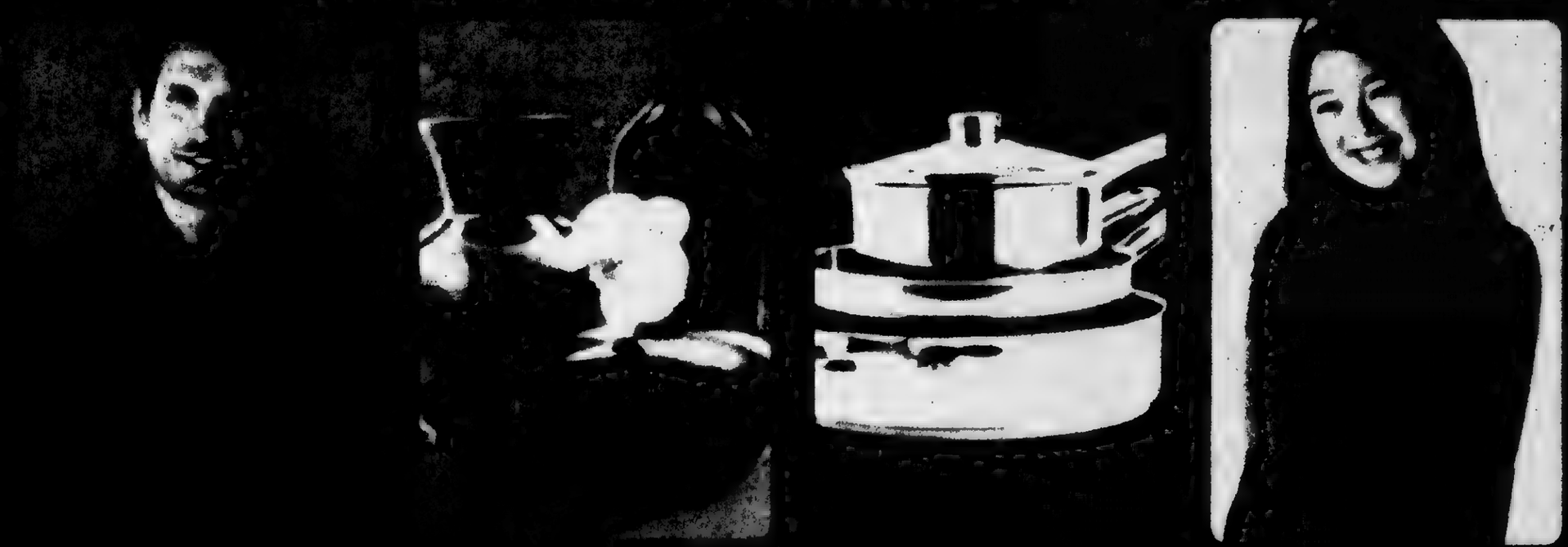

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## Southland Model Railroad Show

**Richards High School will host its 11th annual Southland Model Railroad Show on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26th and 27th.**

**Richards, 10601 S. Central Avenue in Oak Lawn, will host the event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.**

**Admission is $6 for adults, $5 for senior citizens 65 and older, and free for children under age 12. Parking is free.**

**The train show will feature the largest HO layout of any model show in the Chicago area. The Richards event also includes many other model train displays and operating layouts, Lego trains, a riding train for children, train races for children, and a children's activities area.**

**Last year, 23 area model railroad clubs displayed layouts.**

**This year, The Prairie Scale group will have a riding train for both kids and adults. With the price of admission, any adult can ride the train once.**

**Additional tickets can be purchased for $1. A child's ticket (12 and under) is good for three children's activities, including the train ride.**

**Proceeds from the event benefit the music programs, including biennial trips to Disney World and purchase of equipment and supplies.**

**For more information, people may visit www.railroadshow.com or contact Richards band director Charles Martin at 708-499-2550, ext. 5096.**

**Pictured: Richards High School band director Charles Martin and choral director Joshua Hammann appear with members of the Music Boosters who will host the 11th annual Southland Model Railroad Show on Saturday and Sunday.**

## Request Book Sale Donations

Donate your gently used books, magazines, CDs and videos to the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Ongoing Book Sale at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave. Due to space limitations, the Friends will not accept Readers Digest Condensed Books, encyclopedias and older text books.

The donation drop-off area is near the library's Cook Avenue entrance. Interested parties may fill out a short form at the Reception Booth to receive a tax letter by mail that acknowledges their donation.

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For more information call (708) 422-4990 or visit www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

## Park Dist. Annual Spookview Event

The Oak Lawn Park District's annual, family-friendly Spookview event is lurking right around the corner! Join in all the festivities geared for children ages 2 - 10 on Saturday, Oct. 19th, from 1 to 5 p.m., at the Oak View Center located at 4625 W. 110th St.

Children may come dressed in costume and participate in the parade at 1 p.m. Meet in the main lobby.

After the parade, the fun will continue with spooky activities that include a Spookywalk, cookie decorating, ghoulish games, train ride, bounce houses, tote decorating for the troops, dance performances at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. from the park district's very own "IndependDance" Dance Team, and more!

Purchase a $10 wristband for all activities (some activity restrictions may apply with wristband). Cash, Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Concessions will be available with cash only.

Children should bring their own trick-or-treat containers to hold prizes/treats. Parking is available in the West lot off of Kilpatrick or on Kilpatrick and 110th St.

Want to volunteer at Spookview? Individuals must be 13 years of age or older. For more volunteering information, contact Chris Tiesch at (708) 857-2200 by Friday, Oct. 11th.

For more information on Spookview, contact (708) 857-2200.

## "The Ed McElroy Show"

Ed McElroy, host of "The Ed McElroy Show", recently interviewed Tom Cusack of Cusack Insurance.

That show will air at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22nd and again on Tuesday, October 29th on Comcast Channel 19.

McElroy is Past National Commander of Catholic War Veterans, U.S.A.

Pictured left to right is Ed McElroy and Tom Cusack.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 19 - Saturday - Holiday Craft Show and Business Showcase, OLCHS PTSA, 9400 Southwest Highway, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

OCTOBER 21 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 22 - Tuesday - OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 22 - Tuesday - Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 23 - Wednesday - Green Team Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 24 - Thursday - OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

OCTOBER 24 - Thursday - Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 31 - Thursday - Worth Township Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 1 - Friday - Worth Township Senior Citizens Club Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 1:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2 - Saturday - District 218 Trustee Is In, Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon

NOVEMBER 4 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 4 - Monday - Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 5 - Tuesday - Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 8:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 6 - Wednesday - Appeals Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 7 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

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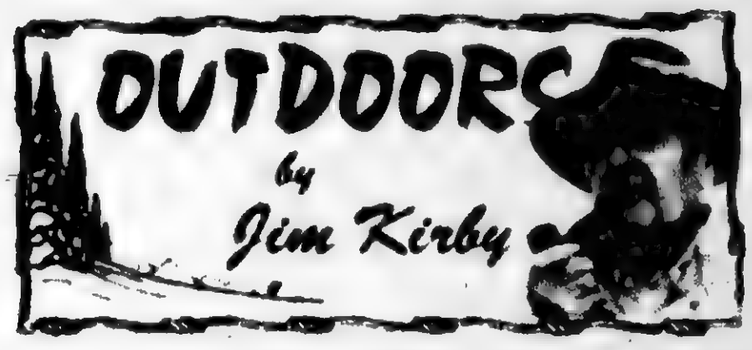


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Locally, the closest lakes to fish for these rainbow trout are Wolf Lake and Horsetail Lake. Horsetail is located at Willow Springs Road (104th Ave.) north of McCarthy Road in Palos Park. Horsetail has 11 acres of water with depths up to 24 feet. In addition to the stocked trout the lake also has largemouth bass, bluegills, channel catfish and perch.

A limit of five rainbow trout is easy to catch, easy to clean and delicious to eat. A simple fishing rod or cane pole with light line, bobber, sinker and small hook tipped with a worm, night-crawler or grubs that can be purchased at local bait shops is all that is needed. If you find the lake to be too crowded, try it during a following weekday, those trout won't all be caught on the opening weekend. www.fishillinois.org

■**OUTDOOR CALENDAR: *Oct. 17** - Today, Fish Tales Fishing Club meeting with Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist **Sara Zack** as guest speaker. www.fishtalesfishingclub.com ***Oct. 19** - Opening day Fall Catchable Inland Trout Season (see above article). *Opening day for ducks and Canada geese, north zone. ***Oct. 19-20** - Hunter Safety Course, Tinley Park Park District, (708) 342-4200. **Bill Brady** will be teaching this course, "seen him in action, this course will not be boring."

■**HUGE ASIAN CARP FOUND CLOSE TO LAKE MICHIGAN:** A 53", 82 lb. carp was recently caught near a Chicago lake that connects to Lake Michigan. Asian carp director for the White House Council on Environmental Quality, John Gross, told the Great Lakes Week conference in Milwaukee, the carp was hauled in from Flatfoot Lake right on the Indiana-Illinois state line and literally right across a railroad track from Lake Calumet. Lake Calumet connects with Lake Michigan. *(Great Lakes Basin Report)*

■**REGIONAL OUTDOOR REPORTS: *Illinois** - Fished Lake Michigan last week. And as per latest reports, bit Last Chicago Harbor, Buffington Harbor and "the hole in the wall." Put out a smorgasbord of baits including dodgers and flys, spoons, body baits using flat lines, downriggers and dipsey divers. Caught one small coho. The water at the hole in the wall was gin-clear, could see 30-pound chinooks that had lock-jaw, wouldn't bite anything put right in front of them, very frustrating!

***Wisconsin** - The southern duck season is open, and with the federal government shutdown, DNR officials have been receiving many inquiries on what areas are open for hunting. While the Horicon and Mississippi national wildlife refuges are closed, the Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area and all state, county and local access points on the Mississippi River and the waters of the river and local public lands remain open.

***Indiana** - October hunting season starts. *Deer archery, Oct 1-Jan. 5. *Fall turkey (archery) Oct. 1-27. *Ruffed Grouse in select counties, Oct 1-Nov. 15 (public lands) or Dec. 31 (private lands). *Rabbit, Oct. 1-Jan. 31. *Woodcock, Oct. 15-Nov. 28. *Fall turkey (firearm) Oct. 16-20 or 27 depending on county.

■**NEW FRESHWATER TITLES:** Three new world record freshwater titles have cropped up in the International Game Fish Association October edition of "Hot Catches." Including grayling, northern pike and Papuan black snapper. Anglers are waiting to see if the bar will be set just a little higher for these species once the IGFA has finished reviewing the applications.

■**ICE FISHING: Ice Team Pro Bernie Keefe has a set routine he goes through every October to get his gear ready for ice fishing season** - "As ice fishing season approaches it's very easy to get complacent about getting gear ready. I have a routine I go through every October. I pick a warm day and drag out all my shelters, sleds and huts. After I put them up I check for rips and tears."

"Next I get my Vexilars and Mr. Heaters out and wipe them down and inspect for worn parts. *My rods are next. I wipe them down and get Q-tip to run inside the eyes. If I see cotton in an eye, I will replace the eye. *I bring my jig boxes in the house for every football game. That is the perfect time to organize, inventory and inspect all my ice lures. *Since I am still using my reels, I will be able to put new line on them as well as clean and lube them before I start ice fishing. *I start and run my snowmobiles, a simple tune up and grease job will help make it through another winter with no problems. * I pick evenings to dig out my ice fishing clothes." - Bernie Keefe for *Outdoor Hub*

■**THINK ABOUT IT:** *[illegible] Interstate Highway System [illegible] the country from [illegible] coast without seeing anything.* **Charles Kuralt**

■**E-Mail Jim Kirby:** *[illegible]*

# "Battle of the Burbs" For Special Olympics

Crestwood Mayor Lou Presta had a "spectacular" idea to raise funds for Special Olympics. He created the "Battle of the Burbs" 16-inch softball game with area mayors and village managers taking on village fire and police chiefs.

Approximately 300 people watched their leaders play Saturday, Oct. 12th at Standard Bank Stadium in Crestwood. More than $4,000 was raised for Special Olympics Illinois by charging $5 admission for adults, children attended free. Presta hopes to make this an annual event.

Fire and police chiefs won the game with a score of 26-12. Playing on the winning fire and police chiefs' team were Hometown Police Chief Chuck Forsyth, Oak Lawn Police Chief Michael Murray, Sauk Village Police Chief Tom Holevis, Country Club Hills Deputy Police Chief Brian Sarnowski, Alsip Police Chief Chris Radz, Orland Hills Police Chief Tom Scully, Dolton Police Chief John Franklin and Orland Park Police Chief Tim McCarthy.

The fire chiefs on the winning team were Jon Bruce of Crestwood, Roger Agpawa of Country Club Hills, and Tom Stvezynski of Alsip, and Deputy Fire Chiefs Patrick Carter and Martin Quinn of Merrionette Park.

On the Mayors' team were Jane Quinlan, Oak Lawn Village Clerk representing Mayor Sandra Bury who said she has no athletic ability, Dan McLaughlin from Orland Park, Gerald Bennett from Palos Hills, Kevin Casey of Hometown, Bob Straz of Palos Heights, Eugene Williams of Lynwood, Kyle Hastings of Orland Hills, Patrick Kitching of Alsip, Eric Kellogg of Harvey, Steven Landek of Bridgeview, Riley Rogers of Dolton, Dwight Welch of Country Club Hills, Sharon Rybak of Midlothian, Christopher Getty of Lyons and Jeffrey Tobolski of McCook.

# Chicago Bulls Fundamentals

The Bulls Sox Academy announced that it will be hosting a Bulls FUNdamentals Camp at the Berto Center on Saturday, Nov. 23rd. The Berto Center is the official training and practice facility of the Chicago Bulls and is located at 550 Lake Cook Road in Deerfield.

This Chicago Bulls FUNdamentals basketball camp for boys and girls will teach the latest techniques in ball handling, passing, shooting, footwork and rebounding as well as offensive and defensive team play. The Bulls FUNdamentals Camp will provide each aspiring athlete with professional basketball training in a fun and safe environment. In addition to teaching basketball, our coaches discuss life lesson topics such as discipline, respect, sportsmanship and peer pressure.

The camp is open to boys and girls, five to fourteen years old. The five to eight-year-old session will run from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The nine to fourteen-year-old session will follow from 1 to 4 p.m. This camp only costs $125 per athlete. Participants will receive top flight instruction from the professional Bulls Sox Academy coaches, a camp T-shirt and a replica autograph photo of Bulls superstar Derrick Rose.

For information or to register for this exciting opportunity, go to www.bullssox academy.com or call 630-324-8221.

# Health & Nutrition

Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Ms. Lysen is currently on vacation. Her column will resume upon her return.

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# Fall Harvest Of Hope Celebration

The Port Ministries ("the Port") a multi faceted non profit serving the poor on the South Side is hosting a fundraising event on Sunday Nov 3rd from noon until 4 p m at 115 Bourbon Street located at 3359 W 115th St on Merrionette Park The benefit event is open to the public and will offer entertainment, music, adult and children prize drawings, silent auctions, Sunday football viewing, and other activities The Port is also looking for local businesses and individuals to donate items for gift baskets and larger items for the silent auction

"We really want people to come out with their friends and family and enjoy their Sunday afternoon while supporting an organization that helps the poor, the hungry, seniors, children and families on the South Side," David Krug, Director of Operations at The Port Ministries, said

Port Ministries is an independent charity which means that we don't receive regular funding from the government or any larger organization Therefore, we rely solely on the generosity of individuals to help fund our programs for the disadvantaged"

The Port Ministries ("the Port") was founded in 1985 by Friar Augustin "Father Gus" Milon, Order of Friars Minor (O F M ) to serve the very poor of Chicago's Back of the Yards and surrounding South Side neighborhoods The main building is located just 1½ block away from Cornell Square Park, where 14 people were shot in a mass shooting during a pick up basketball game on Sept. 19, 2013 The Port represents an alternative to the drugs, gangs and violence of the streets in addition to providing programs to families in need, including

- Educational programming for adults
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- Senior visiting programs
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- Recreational gym that offers a safe place for neighborhood children

The Fall Harvest of Hope Celebration is the Port's last large fundraising event of the year Tickets prior to the event are $30 for adults, $15 for children (under age 20) and kids under age 5 are free Admission includes all-you-can-eat-and drink including food, beer, wine and soda Grand prize raffle tickets are $50 for prizes ranging between $500-1,000 (winners need not be present to win only 500 tickets to be sold) Tickets at the door will be available for $40 for adults and $20 for children (under age 20) Visit www.theportministries.org for more information or call (773)778-5955 to purchase raffle tickets, benefit tickets, donate prizes or make a contribution

# Special Education Workshop

Are you or your child experiencing stress and anxiety with your child with a disability? Do you have a child with a disability in your classroom that is experiencing anxiety? If so you will not want to miss the upcoming workshop of the Learning Disabilities Association of Illinois on Saturday, Oct 26th from 9 a.m to 12 noon at St. Xavier University in Chicago, with registration and coffee and rolls starting at 8 30 a m at St Xavier, 3700 W 103rd St , 4th floor boardroom

The workshop is entitled "Stress and Anxiety in Students with Learning Disabilities (And Their Parents and Teachers).

The speaker, Dr Margaret Kelly Carroll, is the former Learning Disabilities of America Sam Kirk Educator of the Year She is currently a Professor at St Xavier University and is known for her outstanding presentations

To guarantee a spot at this workshop, register online at www.ldaiseun

The final workshop in the fall 2013 series will feature Meg Heron-Blake, Ed D , NCSP The topic of the workshop is "Fostering Executive Function in Students with Learning Disabilities" Mark your calendar for Nov 16th from 9 a m to 12 noon at St Xavier University

# Music Scholarship Fundraising Event

The 3rd Murph's Gift of Music fundraising event will be held Oct. 19th at 115 Bourbon Street in Merrionette Park The event begins at 3 p m and ends at 8 p m All ages are encouraged to come celebrate music of the past and present to ensure a bright future for generations of musicians Food, beer and wine will be served There will be Chicago sports jersey raffles, basket raffles, silent auctions, bullet tickets and a grand raffle

The event will benefit The Michael J Murphy Scholarship Music Fund, an award that supports music and dance lessons as well as provides instruments to children from families that do not have the financial means for this opportunity

Since the Fund began in 2008, 130 young talented musicians and dancers have been able continue their passions through with lessons and instruments

The gift of music will be celebrated through performances from bands Coyote Riot, The Chancey Brothers, A Week Back and Friends and The Larkin and Moran Brothers

The late Michael J Murphy, or Murph, devoted his life to music Guitarist, vocalist, and songwriter Murph played in four bands all of which circulated through a variety of venues, pubs and festivals throughout the Chicago area and beyond His band Leave had released three albums of original songs, gaining widespread respect in addition to being featured on Chicago radio station WXRT

Murph also taught at the Music School in Oak Lawn He encouraged all to participate in the making of music. His life and lessons were cut short on June 6, 2008 when he was killed by a hit and run driver

The Michael J Murphy Scholarship Fund is a 501-c-3 non profit organization that holds the belief that music can inspire all souls Entering its fifth year, the Fund continues the mission to provide music related lessons and instruments to children from families that do not have the financial means to provide this opportunity. Backed by the tireless efforts of the Board of Directors, and the support of local businesses, individual donations, and a host volunteers who donate their time and effort, the Fund has awarded nearly 130 scholarships to help nurture the talents of young musicians, dancers and singers in the Southwest Chicago area The application process is open each year from Feb 1 through April 15 Each award consists of up to 40 private lessons and an instrument if needed Visit http:, murphsgiftofmusic.org, 'murphy donations' to learn more about giving the gift of music

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In May 2013, Sue Moran was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of gallbladder cancer. The cancer spread to Sue's stomach lining, bile ducts and lymph nodes. After 3 months of intense chemotherapy, Sue and her family learned that the treatments were not effective. The cancer is spreading and not responsive to any traditional treatments. Sue needs urgent help to continue her fight for life. Sue is the wife of Brian Moran and mom to Hayley, Laura & Sean. Sue and Brian, along with family and friends, have desperately researched to identify other treatment options. As a result of these efforts, Sue was accepted into a specialized medical cancer treatment program in California. She immediately began receiving intensive alternative treatments in early September.

Sue's treatments are not covered by insurance. The cancer treatment medical bills along with the day to day expenses have created a massive financial burden for the Moran Family. The [illegible] are asking you to help Sue in her journey for life. Please consider donating food or items to be raffled or the benefit, or making a financial contribution.

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## *New Court Access Initiatives For Non-English Speaking Persons*

In an effort to bridge the gap between language barriers the Circuit Court of Cook County is installing an over-the-phone interpretation service for persons who speak little or no English as part of its new Court Access Initiative (CAI). The service will help people navigate through the Circuit Court in a variety of ways, helping people without lawyers find courtrooms or linking them with a court-based legal self-help desk are just two examples. In conjunction with the Access to Justice Commission of the Illinois Supreme Court, the Circuit Court's goal of the CAI is to improve the overall experience for non-English speaking people attending court.

Circuit Court of Cook County Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans announced starting today, the CAI will begin at the Richard J. Daley Center information desks and then ultimately be installed in all courthouses in the coming months. Illinois Justice corps volunteers already are stationed at the information desks and over-the-phone interpretation services will be provided by LanguageLine Solutions, which was selected through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

"I applaud Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas L. Kilbride for his leadership in creating the Access to Justice Commission to address ways in which we can help non-English speaking people to interact with the courts," says Chief Judge Evans. Evans also credits the collaboration of Language Line Solutions, Illinois JusticeCorps volunteers, and the Circuit Court of Cook County as well as the Commission's Language Access Committee, chaired by two Cook County judges, Honorable Grace G. Dickler, and Honorable Laura C. Liu, for their input.

Telephone interpretation service works via a three-way call on a specially programmed dual handset telephone. One receiver is used by staff to contact the vendor to request the appropriate foreign language, while staff remains on the line, the other receiver is used by the person requesting interpretation. Waiting time to connect to an interpreter is projected to be within 15 seconds of placing the call. There will be no charge to users. To see video demonstrating the equipment go to *https://www.languageline.com/company/video*.

In addition, the court also added Google Translate to the court's website, www.cookcountycourt.org, giving users the option to view the site in 71 foreign languages.

Other improvements that Chief Judge Evans and the judges of the Circuit Court of Cook County are planning throughout the court system before the end of the year to help non-English speaking persons include:

Translation of all building signage into Spanish and Polish, and

Provision of forms throughout the courthouses in English and foreign languages to assist non-English speakers in requesting an interpreter for a court proceeding.

## *Governor Quinn Commends Small Businesses*

Governor Pat Quinn recently addressed the 13th Annual Small Business and Entrepreneur Expo in Chicago and thanked small businesses for their important contributions to creating jobs and driving economic growth in Illinois. The address is part of Governor Quinn's commitment to improving the state's business climate and driving Illinois economy forward.

"These businesses may be small, but their impact is huge – driving our economic recovery forward and creating thousands of jobs," Governor Quinn said. "The number one thing we can do to continue to support them – and every business in Illinois – is to pass comprehensive pension reform."

In 2012, entrepreneurs created 22,261 new businesses in the Chicago metropolitan statistical area, according to Dun & Bradstreet. Likewise, small business job creation has doubled in the past six months, according to payroll processor Automatic Data Processing Inc.

"Illinois' diverse economy, deep pool of skilled labor and quality of life are powerful draws for businesses," DCEO Director Adam Pollet said.

Approximately three out of every four workers in Illinois is employed by a small business, defined as companies that employ fewer than 500 workers, according to state employment data. In total, there are about 271,000 small businesses in Illinois employing nearly 3.7 million workers.

Small business assistance is available through DCEO's Office of Business Development. One of the state's marquee programs is Advantage Illinois, which connects small businesses with access to capital. Launched in 2011, Advantage Illinois is a five-year program that is leveraging $78 million in federal funding to attract almost $800 million in private sector investments. These investments allow businesses to bring innovative ideas and new products to market, and accelerate job creation and economic growth in Illinois.

Since Advantage Illinois debuted in October 2011, the state has committed $45 million in federal funds to leverage more than $336 million in private investment for 131 projects, creating 1,956 jobs in Illinois. The program is administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

DCEO administers a wide array of programs and services designed to help Illinois businesses thrive in today's economy, including expansion incentives, technology support services, access to capital, global marketing expertise, and job training and education for workers. Illinois Small Business Development Centers located throughout the state provide information, confidential business guidance, training and other resources to early stage and existing small businesses.

For more information on why Illinois is the right place for business, visit *Illinoisbiz.biz*.

## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle met recently with representatives from the North, South and West Suburban Police Chief Associations in a continued effort to solve the overcrowding problems in Cook County Jail and to discuss the impact of city violence on suburban municipalities. Attendees included Commander Walter Klimek from Bridgeview, Chief Steven Stelter from Brookfield, Chief James Keegan from Streamwood, Chief Thomas Wentzel from Riverside, Chief Michael Deegan from South Barrington, Deputy Chief of Staff Kimberly Foxx, and Juliana Stratton, Executive Director of the Justice Advisory Council.

Currently, only 10% of inmates in the Cook County Jail are actually serving a sentence with 90% awaiting trial, according to Preckwinkle. She continued by informing her audience that of the inmates housed in Cook County Jail, 30% are accused of violent crimes while the remaining 70% are awaiting trial for nonviolent offenses such as theft and drug use. President Preckwinkle introduced these statistics to point out the County's need to lower the number of pre-trial detainees and invest in community based alternatives to detention.

All five police chiefs agreed that the violence that plagues the City of Chicago has been spilling into the suburbs. Increases in gang and drug activity, retail theft, mob activity and increased violence have become more prevalent.

All participants agreed that more drug treatment and mental health alternatives must be made available for those charged with nonviolent offenses, in order to both lower the jail population and help end recidivism (currently about 52% of those detained at Cook County Jail return to the jail within 3 years). The meeting closed with plans to reopen discussions, which would include Sheriff Tom Dart and the Department of Homeland Security, to explore the creation of a multi-district task force on drugs.

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Last week the WEFTEC 2013, the world's largest annual water quality conference and exhibition, was held in the Global Center, Grand Concourse Lobby, at McCormick Place South, Chicago. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Chairman of Finance Mariyana Spyropoulos and Executive Director David St. Pierre announced that when the MWRDGC launches a nutrient recovery facility at its Stickney Wastewater Treatment Plant in 2015, it will be the largest facility of its kind in the world. The implications for area waterways such as the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers are significant, as thousands of tons of otherwise polluting nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen will be recovered and transformed into an environmentally responsible slow-release fertilizer.

Guest speaker Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (Environmental Advocate Attorney, Ostara board member) spoke about the emerging and increasingly crucial role played by the water sector in reducing the environmental impact of nutrients on our planet. Ostara's nutrient recovery technology will be featured at the Stickney Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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Last week, Senator Michael Hastings served as "Principal for the Day" at Hillcrest High School, at the urging of Principal Renee Simms.

Recognizing the hard work performed by Illinois educators and their dedication to their schools, Hastings wanted to see for himself the challenges they face. Hastings met with students, teachers and staff, taught an American government class and presided over a debate about whether exposure to violence affects teen behavior.

Hastings expressed his thanks to Principal Simms for allowing him to enjoy a great experience with the students and staff. It was educational.

Hastings served as a school board member of Consolidated High School District 230 prior to joining the Senate.

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Meet with faculty, staff and students and discover the many reasons why students choose a Saint Xavier education at their Fall Campus Visit Day from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27th. Learn about the academic programs, campus life, scholarship and financial aid opportunities at Saint Xavier University's Chicago campus located at 3700 W. 103rd St.

If you are interested in attending, register online by Tuesday, Oct. 22nd by visiting www.sxu.edu, keyword: visit day. For questions, contact the Office of Admission at (800) 462-9288 or admissions@sxu.edu.

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State Rep. Bob Rita and State Sen. Emil Jones have announced an important step in protecting consumers on reloadable prepaid debit cards after Gov. Pat Quinn signed their reform legislation into law.

Rita, D-Blue Island, and Jones, D-Chicago, worked together this spring to win support in the Illinois House and Senate for Senate Bill 1829, which became law recently with the governor's signature. The legislators worked with the industry to protect consumers, particularly the "unbanked" who have a great need for prepaid debit cards.

The bill requires that certain disclosures be made when reloadable prepaid cards are offered to customers; making sure customers know how to maximize their own convenience at minimal cost. The disclosures must be clear and conspicuous, and provided to customers in either writing or electronically. The required disclosures to the customer, which must be displayed on card packaging along with a toll-free number for inquiries, include the fee for purchasing the card, any monthly maintenance fees, the cost of withdrawing cash from an ATM and if there are any balance inquiry fees.

Many people are using reloadable prepaid debit cards as society moves to more electronic payments. They have become critical for those who do not have access to a bank account, as they allow wages to be deposited electronically and to pay expenses such as online shopping or telephone bill paying.

"Our challenge as legislators is to make sure we're in tune with our constituents, and having a system that protects them as more use these prepaid debit cards is so important," Rita said. "I was proud to work with Sen. Jones to provide our constituents these protections and ensure they have access to these cards that help them every day. We will be watching closely to make sure this law is doing its job."

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State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins (D-Chicago 16th) is taking the SNAP Challenge to better understand the hardships faced by food stamp recipients. The SNAP Challenge, sponsored by the Greater Chicago Food Depository, invites elected officials, community leaders and others to spend only $35 on food for a week – the average weekly SNAP benefit for a single adult.

SNAP – the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly called food stamps – provides benefits to more than 820,000 Cook County residents and 47 million people nationwide. The average individual SNAP recipient in Illinois receives just $35 each week to spend on food. SNAP Challenge participants are asked to eat only food they have purchased using the $35 available for the week, include food purchased at restaurants and avoid accepting free food.

"Every day, low-income individuals and families must make heart-wrenching decisions between buying food or medicine, or between paying the rent or paying a doctor's bill," Collins said. "It's a privilege to stand with 'the least of these,' even in a small and symbolic way, and challenge the apathy that consigns them to the margins of our awareness."

The Greater Chicago Food Depository, a network of 650 food pantries throughout the Chicago region, distributes food to 678,000 individuals each year while offering training programs that help break the cycle of poverty. The Food Depository estimates that in order to compensate for the five percent cut in SNAP benefits proposed by some members of Congress, its pantries would have to increase the amount of food they provide by 50 percent.

# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## Class Reunions

**St Cajetan School** - Class of 1963 will hold its 50th year reunion on Oct 19th, from 6 to 11 p.m. at Cork & Kerry, 10614 Western Ave. Tickets are $20 and spouse/guest are welcome. There will be a cash bar. Contact The Lippert's at rlippett1962@wowway.com

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**Gage Park** - Class of 1968 is seeking graduates of the Class of 1968 for its 45th reunion on Friday, Nov. 8th from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Cog Hill Country Club in the Elite Great Room, 12294 Archer Ave. in Lemont. Contact Maureen Mormann Simpson - Class Vice President, at (630) 326-9881 or Marilyn Kozlowski Kuratis at (815) 834-8414

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**Reavis High School** - Class of 1983 will hold its 30th year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 26th at 7 p.m. with an informal get-together at Chuck's Southern Comforts Cafe (Swallow Lounge), 6801 W. 79th St. in Burbank. Contact Jan at jangee@aol.com or at net

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**Harper High School** - Classes of January and June 1963 are planning a 50-year reunion and are looking for classmates. Contact Jim Smith at (352) 686-8363 or www.jimmycsmith.com or Tom Panush (708) 636-7548 or tpanush@yahoo.com

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**St Killian Grammar School** - looking for classmates for their 55th reunion. If you graduated from St. Killian or know of someone who might be interested, contact Carol Vasil Donnelly at (708) 293-1466, email to cdonkla@abcglobal.net or on Facebook

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**Oak Forest High School** - Class of 1988 will hold a reunion on Saturday, Oct. 19th at Georgio's Banquets in Orland Park from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Follow this link for additional information http://new.evite.com/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=fb_share_widget&utm_content=fb_link&utm_campaign=invite#view/invite/eid=015DAAPMI7NZ5QB5FEPCQUOD43CCUY&gid=fb

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**St Leo Grade School** - Class of 1953 is planning a 60th anniversary class reunion in October. Contact Bill Gibbons (708) 229-7044, Jim Aldworth (312) 938-1912 or jimwallyball@comcast.net

## "Spamalot" Opens This Weekend

"Monty Python's Spamalot" opens this Friday, Oct. 18th for 2 weekends only! Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday performances at 2 p.m. in the Baer Theatre at Morgan Park Academy Arts Center, 2153 W. 111th St.

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## Crafters/Vendors Show

The Sacred Heart Council of Catholic Women invites you to attend their Crafters/Vendors Show on Saturday, Oct. 26th in its Ministry Center, 8245 W. 111th St. in Palos Hills (next to Stagg High School), from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

There will be many unique and talented crafters and the most popular vendors to assist you with your fall and Christmas decorating ideas and gift shopping. Refreshments will be available for purchase and you can buy tickets for a "huge raffle" consisting of prizes donated by the participants. If you need more information, call Sue at (708) 974-3969.

## Autumn Craft & Vendor Show

St. Laurence Laurenta Parents Club is sponsoring an Autumn Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, Oct. 26th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Laurence High School, 5556 W. 77th St. in Burbank (entrance and parking at the north end of the building). Free admission to shoppers.

## Oak Forest High School Presents 'Little Women'

Oak Forest High School Play Director John Stevens announced the cast of the fall play *Little Women*. *Little Women* will be performed Oct. 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. Tickets will be $6 for students and $8 for adults and will be available at the door.

The cast is as follows: MaryKate Thoma will be playing Jo March, Amanda Pettt will be playing Meg March, and Cami Clark will be playing Beth. Sara Valente rounds out the girls as Amy March. Mrs. March, fondly known as Marmee, will be played by veteran Tara Tracy. Hannah will be played by Amy Crawford. Aunt March will be played by Lacey Alleruzzo. Alex Jontz will be playing Laurie. Isaac Copeland will be playing Mr. Lawrence. Danny Deane will be playing Brook and Shane Bednarek will be playing Professor Bhaer. *Little Women* is directed by John Stevens and assisted by Victor Pazik. Dan Chambers is the technical director.

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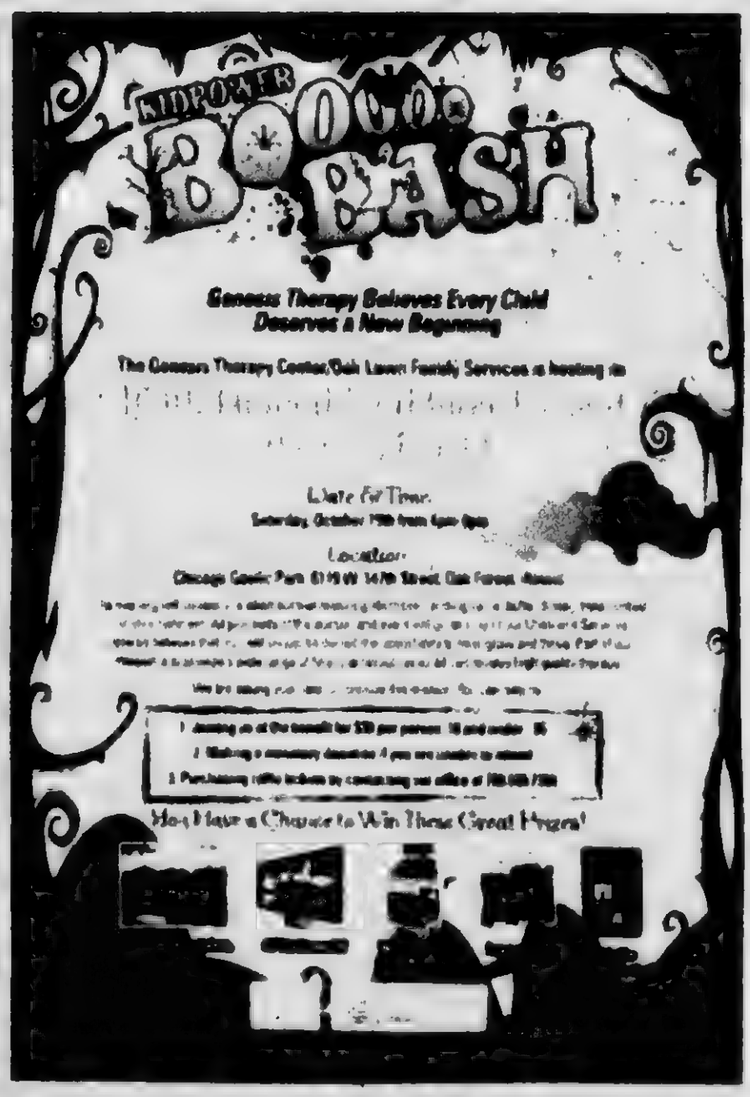


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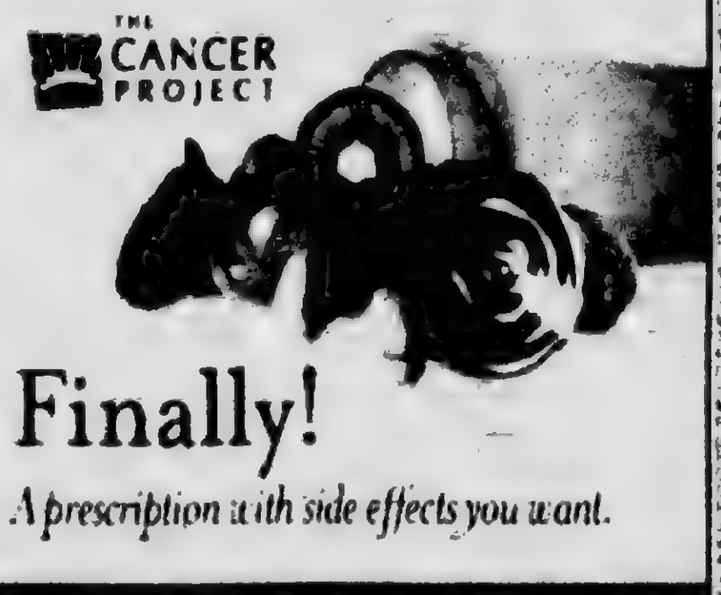


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# *Learning Projectile Motion Via Potato Launchers*

**When Brian Sievers hit the launch trigger, his homemade cannon emulated the acoustics of the real thing. The echoes reverberated off the northern face of Shepard High School, returned off surrounding homes, and back.**

**Students squinted in the morning sun to catch a glimpse of the potato fired from the launcher. The spud landed with a thud, and everyone smiled and clapped.**

**Beyond the visual and audio candy of launching potato-mortars, the activity taught physics concepts and, ideally, opened a few students' minds to the idea of STEM careers.**

**Launching from a low angle, students could see the potato travel away but hit the ground quickly. When Sievers raised the angle of the cannon, the class could see that the potato stayed in the air longer.**

**Interesting, unconventional experiences like these inspire curiosity and, hopefully, get kids to consider careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.**

**In recent years, the number of students in the U.S. earning college degrees in STEM areas has decreased. Many who initially declare a major in STEM areas change their course of study once they realize the work involved.**

**Such experiences spark creativity in building and testing designs.**

**"Then they (students) can form solid conclusions based upon results. This is the core of all science and research. It is a way to develop thinkers, and that is what the American education system must do to regain its prominence in the world," Sievers said.**

**Pictured: Shepard High School physics teacher Brian Sievers readies one of his homemade potato launchers. Sievers fired potatoes over the softball field to illustrate the various concepts of projectile motion.**

# Affordable Care Information Workshop

State Senator Bill Cunningham and State Representatives Fran Hurley and Kelly Burke will be sponsoring two workshops on Tuesday, Oct. 29th for individuals and small business owners in Illinois to assist residents obtain health care. The sessions will aid with enrollment questions and provide as much information as possible. Local residents are invited to attend either the afternoon workshop between 3 and 5 p.m. or the evening workshop between 7 and 9 p.m. at Worth Township. The township is located in Alsip at 11601 S. Pulaski Rd. Join them to learn more about the health insurance exchanges that are being implemented in our state.

Representatives from the Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace will be on hand to answer individual questions and to make appointments for personal assistance. For more information, contact Rep. Hurley's constituent service office at 773-445-8128 or email her at repfranhurley@gmail.com.

# Free Paper Shredding Event

Senator Bill Cunningham and State Representative Fran Hurley will be hosting a free paper shred sponsored by AT&T. All members of the community are invited to attend and bring any personal documents they would like to shred.

The Paper Shredding Event will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19th at the Worth Township Building 11601 S. Pulaski Road.

# OLCHS To Present Beauty & The Beast

Oak Lawn Community High School will continue its tradition of excellence this fall with its production of Beauty and the Beast. Beauty and the Beast tells the story of a young prince who is cursed by an enchantress because of the lack of love in his heart. He must find a girl who will love him in spite of his looks before the last petal of an enchanted rose falls. Director Holly Denton said, "As the song goes, this is a tale as old as time. After seeing the show years ago I knew it would be a staple of high school theater, and I'm proud to be directing this production at OLCHS. From the songs to the costumes to the special effects, it's going to be a great show and I know the students can't wait to show the community."

Performances will take place Thursday, Oct. 25th through Saturday, Oct. 27th at 7 p.m. A special children's matinee will also take place on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. where children will have the opportunity to be a part of the show and get their picture taken and receive autographs with Belle, the Beast, and the other enchanted objects. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased through the ticket hotline at 708-424-5200, ext. 5920.

# Pumpkin Festival

The Village of Oak Lawn is sponsoring its 6th Annual Pumpkin Festival on the Village Green on Saturday, Oct. 19th. This event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring the family to enjoy some FREE fun! The festival will include hayrides, pony rides, and pumpkins for sale! There will also be a pig train, moon jump and a 90-foot fun slide!!

The Oak Lawn Village Green is located at 94th & Cook Avenue, north of the Oak Lawn Library.

# Holiday Craft Show

Oak Lawn Community High School PTSA will hold its Holiday Craft Show/Oak Lawn Business Showcase featuring Health Screenings on Saturday Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the high school, 9400 Southwest Highway. Proceeds from the event will benefit PTSA Scholarship Fund.

For more information call (708) 424-5200 extension 566? or visit olchs.org

# *Spartans To Host SSC Publications Workshop*

**On Friday, Oct. 18th, members of the Oak Lawn Community High School Journalism Team will host the South Suburban Conference (SSC) Publications Workshop at Moraine Valley Community College. Nearly 400 students from 14 schools will attend the annual event and participate in various workshops designed to improve a wide range of skills: writing, editing, interviewing, photography, layout, to name a few. In addition to the workshops, select students from each school will participate in a variety of Illinois High School Association (IHSA) mock competitions. The keynote speaker for this year's conference is FOX Chicago sportscaster, and Oak Lawn Community High School graduate, Lou Canellis (pictured).**

**Lou Canellis shares his enthusiasm about sports with Chicagoans every night on FOX Chicago News at Nine. He has followed local teams his entire life and has an extensive sports background. In addition to his work on FOX Chicago, Canellis is living the dream with the Chicago Bears. He is the TV host for all five of the TV shows the Bears own and produce. Canellis anchors Bears Game Day Live and Bears Game Night Live on FOX Sunday mornings and Sunday nights, along with Bears Recap and Bears Blitz on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays on Comcast Sportsnet.**

**Canellis has been going to Bears game since he was four years old, and has been a season ticket holder since he was six years old. Sweet Lou's expertise on the Bears can also be heard on the Roe Conn Show on WLS Radio, 890 AM Mondays and Fridays. Canellis' first dream job was as a member of the Chicago Bulls broadcasts on TV and radio. Canellis worked on the sidelines and is well-known for his post-game chats with Michael Jordan. He's also an expert on real estate, hosting the TV show "Making Money in Real Estate." A Loyola University graduate, Canellis considers himself a "South Sider," having been born and raised in Oak Lawn.**

**Canellis was inducted in the Oak Lawn Community High School's Alumni Hall of Fame in 1998.**

# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Marquette Bank has launched its 7th Annual Adopt-a Soldier Program. All customers and neighbors are invited to participate in the Adopt-a-Soldier program, which sends care packages to U.S. soldiers serving overseas. Now through Nov. 2nd, employees, customers and neighbors have the opportunity to donate items and to nominate Chicago-area soldiers to receive the care packages. You can fill out a form at any Marquette Bank location to nominate a soldier to receive a care package. Collection bins are also available and requested donation items are listed by category.

**Food/Beverage:** Bumble Bee tuna kits, canned fruit (single serving), cereal/granola/power bars, hot chocolate packets, microwavable Mac & cheese and popcorn, MiO or Crystal Light drink mix, nuts (small bags), oatmeal (individual packets), Slim Jim beef jerky, snacks (individually wrapped), and soup (single serving).

**Drugstore:** Anti-itch/antibiotic creams, disposable razors, nasal spray, eye drops, and Tums/Rolaids.

**Miscellaneous:** Batteries (AA or AAA), Christmas cards/letters, crossword puzzle books, iTunes gift cards, mechanical pencils, new DVD's or CD's, playing cards, and socks.

In the past, local classrooms along with Girl and Boy Scout troops have made cards and written letters of gratitude to soldiers. The Adopt-a-Soldier program is part of the Marquette Neighborhood Commitment, where each quarter the bank focuses on a different area of need –shelter, hunger, education and health/wellness. For more information about the bank and the program, call 1-888-254-9500 or visit www.emarquettebank.com.

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Orland Township, 14807 Ravinia Ave., is participating in USA Weekend Magazine's annual "Make A Difference Day" on Saturday, Oct. 26th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations will be accepted at the Township for veterans residing at the Manteno Veterans Home. Items that are needed include new sweatpants and sweatshirts (large and extra-large sizes), plain cotton socks without elastic, books on tape, spice drops, cookies, sugar-free cookies, candy, sugar-free candy, peanut butter crackers, chocolate (M&M's etc.), large bottles of punch, wheelchair cup holders and ashtrays, powdered drink mixes, Fixodent denture adhesive, sweetener, foam cups, shaving balm, large bath towels, colognes (male and female), hair dressing (V05, Groom & Clean, etc.), toothpaste, toothbrushes and additional miscellaneous items. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

Participants may donate prior to Oct. 26th by delivering items to Orland Township during office hours: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Evergreen Park Veterans are invited to a Veterans' Day Breakfast and Program on Friday, Nov. 8th at 8 a.m. at Central Junior High School, 9400 Sawyer Ave. in Evergreen Park, hosted by the students and the faculty. The Breakfast and Program are planned to honor Evergreen Park and area residents who are U.S. Military Veterans for their service to our country during war or peacetime. Those who wish to attend must call the school office at (708) 424-0148 with their reservation on or before Nov. 1st. Veterans are welcome to bring a guest. The building is handicap-accessible, so if you have special needs, let them know when you are making your reservation. Some parking is available on the school grounds or street in front of the school that day.

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Marrs-Meyer American Legion Post 991, 11001 Depot Ave. in Worth, will hold its Haunted Hayride for Adults Only on Saturday, Oct. 26th, meet at 6 p.m. at the Legion. The cost per couple is $25 and per person is $15, which includes beer, wine, hotdogs, ride, and the campfire. Stop in at the post for details or call (708) 448-7006.

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Midlothian VFW Post 2580, its Ladies Auxiliary and American Legion Post 691 and the Sons of the Legion will hold a Sunday morning breakfast every Sunday from 8 to 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 14817 Pulaski Rd. This coming Sunday, Oct. 20th and every 3rd Sunday the hosts will be the VFW, the 4th Sunday is the American Legion, 1st Sunday the VFW Auxiliary and the 2nd Sunday the Sons of the Legion. When there is a 5th Sunday the 4 groups hold the breakfast jointly and all proceeds go to the Support the Troops Fund to send packages to our soldiers overseas. Come join us for a delicious and plentiful breakfast for very reasonable prices. For more information, call the post at (708) 371-5227.

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All veterans and their families are welcome as Catholic Charities St. Leo Campus for Veterans and the VA Auburn Gresham Clinic host a Veteran Health and Resource Fair on Friday, Oct. 18th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the St. Leo Campus, 7750 Emerald Ave. in Chicago. Assistance will be available for veterans in need of services. The goal is to increase awareness of veterans' benefits and resources. Family members are also welcome to come and explore options available to them. For more information, call (773) 723-0864.

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Quote of the Week: If one dream should fall and break into a thousand pieces, never be afraid to pick one of those pieces up and begin again. – Flavia Weedn

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Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.

# OAK LAWN POLICE CALLS

On Sept. 19, Lizeth Navarro of Chicago was arrested for driving without a license and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident following a two-car accident at Southwest Highway and Spoor Avenue. Navarro was taken to Christ Hospital following the accident when she complained of stomach pains and told police that she was pregnant.

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Saeemah L. Allen of Chicago was arrested for assault after an incident in the emergency room of Christ Hospital. Police said that there was a disturbance among family members of a gunshot victim and the parties were being dispersed. Allen became belligerent and threatened a security guard.

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On Sept. 20, Kisha Y. Barrett of Homewood, was arrested for driving on a suspended license and was issued citations for speeding and no rear registration light when she was pulled over after a traffic stop on 95th and Ridgeland.

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On Sept. 20, tires were slashed on three vehicles that were parked outside a home in the 9700 block of South Oak Park Avenue.

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On Sept. 21, Monica D. Harris-Gillespie of Oak Lawn, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, no insurance, illegal transportation of alcohol and speeding after a traffic stop in the 4700 block of W. 95th Street. It was reported that she was driving 54 mph in a 30 mph zone and had open liquor in her vehicle.

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On Sept. 22, Julia A. Tschantz of Chicago was arrested for felony retail theft for trying to steal items worth more than $482 from Target on 95th Street. She was seen going around the store taking clothing and other items and concealing them in her handbag and jacket. She was reported squatting in an aisle with a knife to cut open the packaging on a pair of earphones and a digital camera, which she also put in her purse.

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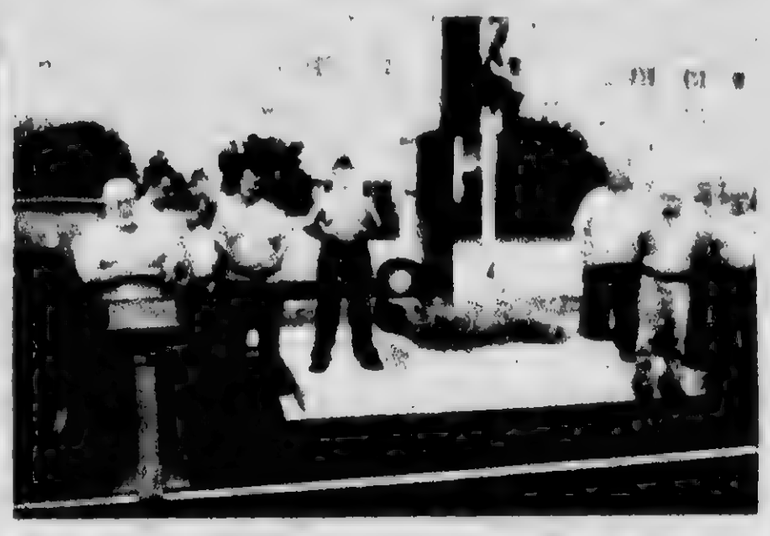
Jamon D. DiNovella of Tinley Park was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, the possession of a controlled substance and other offenses after a traffic stop. He was also cited for improper lane use, no insurance and failure to notify the secretary of state of a change of address.



# *Elks Honor 9/11 At Remembrance Ceremony*

**The Oak Lawn Elks 2254 held a 9/11 "Remembrance Ceremony" at their lodge at 107th and Central Ave. The ceremony was conducted by veterans chairman Mike Daukas, at the podium (left), officers and members. The flag portion was directed by Trustee Brian Guerin and his son, Eagle Scout Tyler Guerin (center, in uniform).**

# Halloween Film Discussion

CineVerse, the Oak Lawn Park District's free weekly film discussion group, brings back its annual Shocktober Theater month. The group will examine a key film in Roger Corman's Poe cycle: "The Masque of the Red Death" starring Vincent Price, on Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Oak View Community Center.

The group will also examine "Ringu (The Ring)" (1998), the original horror classic from Japan, on Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Oak View Community Center, located at 4625 W. 110th St. in Oak Lawn (check building signage for room number). For more information, call (708) 529-9028 or visit cineversegroup.blogspot.com.

# Moraine Valley Announces Business Champion Award Winners

Moraine Valley Community College's Corporate Community and Continuing Education subdivision has selected the winners of its 2013 Business Champion Awards, which recognize the valuable contributions businesses and their advocates make to the economic development of Chicago's southwest suburbs.

Awards are presented in six categories: Training and Development, Sustainability, Excellence in Government, Philanthropy, Entrepreneur Small Business Person of the Year, and Women in Business Leadership Award.

The Training and Development Award will be presented to Priscilla Steinmetz, founder and executive director of the Bridge Teen Center in Orland Park. She is being recognized for the grass roots community center's work in training seventh through twelfth grade students to develop mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually in a safe environment. Steinmetz has dedicated her life to working with teens by transitioning a struggling youth program with less than 10 students into a multi-tiered operation serving the interests and needs of 400 suburban teens through after-school programs.

Phil Shea, vice president of sales at Prairie Material, will accept the Sustainability Award. Prairie Materials, located in Bridgeview, has established sustainable best practices, including operating several recycling centers that accept used and returned concrete, developing innovative concrete products that partially replace cement with industrial byproducts which prevents industrial waste from clogging landfills, reusing process water, controlling dust, and incorporating a company-wide environmental management system to document best practices.

The Excellence in Government award will be presented to Daniel McLaughlin, mayor of Orland Park, for providing progress in the village economically, environmentally, culturally, socially and recreationally. Mayor McLaughlin has attracted a number of new businesses to the village, and created the Residential Rewards Program, Ninety7Fifty on the Park project, the Taste of Orland, and many other events. Under his leadership, the village has grown and maintained its vitality and low crime rate.

This year the Philanthropy Award will be presented to William Keyser, owner of Florida Plastics/Keyser Retail Solutions, for a $1 million donation to Advocate Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn. The donation helped open a $3.5 million pediatric cancer center at Advocate Christ Medical Center. The Keyser Group is a family-owned business in Evergreen Park that offers expertise and products for local store marketing and merchandising solutions.

Marc Golden, owner of Golden Shoes in Palos Heights, will be presented with the Entrepreneur Small Business Person of the Year award for celebrating 50 years in business. The store's longevity speaks to his care, concern and business ethic of always making the customers feel important, and being sincere and devoted to them. He truly cares about his clientele.

The Women in Business Leadership Award will be presented to Andrea Ramirez-Justin, vice president of Old Plank Trail Community Bank. At the bank, she manages governmental and public entity relationships with the bank's community outreach services. Ramirez-Justin is involved in many civic and community activities, is the president of the Mokena Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Professional Women's Network, a member of the Illinois State Treasurer's Office's Banking advisory board, and serves on the Moraine Valley Foundation board. She also has received "The Business Ledger's" Entrepreneurial Excellence Award.

The awards will be presented at the 18th Annual Business Champion Awards dinner on Nov. 6th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Moraine Business and Conference Center, Building M, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. Tickets are $50 each or $380 for a table of eight.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (708) 974-5714 or email schrumplee@morainevalley.edu.

# Stretching Luncheon

The health benefits of stretching will be the focus of a luncheon program on Tuesday, Oct. 22nd from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

Movement therapist Jan Sylkatis will talk about the benefit of stretching to awaken the senses, increase circulation, and enliven the joints and glands. She'll invite participants to practice some simple stretches and discuss how to incorporate them into your daily self-care routine. Jan encourages all to participate, as the stretches can even be done from a chair. These are not intended for rigorous athletic training, but to help anyone feel more invigorated and comfortable. Sylkatis is an Illinois Licensed Massage Therapist and friend of The Center.

The 12 noon presentation will be followed by a 1 p.m. luncheon, which costs $17 per person and requires advance reservations. Call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

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# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Dorothy E. Carrig**

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Thursday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Dorothy E. Carrig. She was the wife of the late Vincent.

She is survived by her children Patricia (Bill Howard), Peter (Nancy) and MaryAnn (Frank) Bonello, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Edward F. Finn**

Mass was said at St. Barnabas Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, for Edward F. Finn, CPD and Korean War Veteran.

He is survived by his children Maureen Swift, Kathleen Finn and Edward (Anna) Finn, six grandchildren and his sister Patricia Petrey.

**Francis P. Gilhooly**

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Friday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Francis P. Gilhooly. He was 78 and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He was also a machinist with Rheem Manufacturing for 33 years.

He is survived by his wife Florence M., his daughter Catherine (Michael) Szczepaniak, one grandchild and his sister Mary Ann (Orville) Lerch.

**Tillie Glisson**

Services were held in Orland Park on Saturday, with interment at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, for Tillie Glisson, 88. She was the wife of the late Johnnie W.

She is survived by her children Christine (Richard) Hiller, Johnnie Jr. (Glenda), Hazel (Douglas) Smith and Tillie (Joseph) Morris, twelve grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren and her sister Stella Poulos.

**Sondra L. Hruby**

Services were held on Monday at the McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for Sondra Hruby, 73, formerly of Oak Forest. She was the wife of the late Richard.

She is survived by her children Kevin Hruby, Cheryl (Jean) Hruby, Stephen (Christine) Hruby and Kerry Prantek.

**Eileen A. Majka**

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with private interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Eileen "Nini" A. Majka. She was 50. She was a director of client consulting with Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Company.

She is survived by her children Jim (Lisa) Kowalik and Nick Majka, her brother Jim Murphy and her sisters Theresa "Terri" Murphy and Margaret "Peggy" (Marty) Morema.

**Francis T. Meakim**

Services were held at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Francis T. Meakim, 92, of Crystal Falls, formerly of Tinley Park. He was the husband of the late Jane. He was a U.S. Marine from 1943 until his honorable discharge in 1946. He served as a captain and flew B25 Bombers. He was employed as an electrician for Meany Electric Company until he retired.

He is survived by his children Robert (Patricia), Michael (Aimeda) and Cynthia (Robert) Curtis, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Jacob Modrich**

Mass was said at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Jacob "John" Modrich. He was the husband of the late Jeanine.

He is survived by his children Jeanine (Michael) Muir, John (Mary) Modrich, Kata (Charles) Haun and Kevin (Marie) Modrich and eleven grandchildren.

**James J. Molnar**

Services were held at the Schmaedeke Funeral Home, Worth, on Friday, with entombment at Resurrection Mausoleum, for James J. Molnar, 73. He was an Army Veteran with the 101st Airborne Division as a paratrooper in the Korean War. He was a 33-year American Legion member, a current member of Marrs-Meyer Post 991 and a parishioner of Our Lady of the Ridge Church. He was the husband of the late Genevieve.

He is survived by his brother Leslie Molnar.

**Barbara J. Monzures**

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, on Friday, with committal service and military honors at Evergreen Cemetery, for Barbara J. Monzures, Major in the U.S. Air Force, Vietnam-era Veteran. She was 80. She graduated from St. Joseph School of Nursing and Loyola University of Chicago. She was a parishioner of St. Julie Billiart Church. She was the wife of the late Col. Louis P. Monzures.

She is survived by her children George Monzures, Jane Monzures and her step-daughter Marie Monzures, and her sisters Elizabeth Heeb Balachowski and Mary Cornelia Heeb (Bob) Fitte.

**Lorraine A. O'Connell**

Mass was said at St. Louis de Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Lorraine A. O'Connell. She was the wife of the late Raymond.

She is survived by her daughter Patricia, and her brothers William and Daniel O'Shea and her sister Dolores Bugyis.

**John J. Stanis**

Mass was said at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for John J. Stanis, 103. He was a veteran of WWII serving with the USN. He was the husband of the late Agnes.

He is survived by many nieces and nephews.

**Eugene Szydelko**

Mass was said at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, on Wednesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Eugene Szydelko, 82. He was the husband of the late Marion.

He is survived by his son Michael (Theresa), five grandchildren and his sister Helen (Bill) Young.


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# Fixed Attorney's Contract

In order to save the village money in its current financial crisis, Village Manager Larry Deetjen proposed a contract that will consolidate the position of attorney for the fire and police commissions, the village adjudicator and village prosecutor. The consolidated position would cost the village approximately $60,000 per year.

Attorney Kevin Cunningham has been picked to fill the position. After Trustee Robert Streit questioned his credentials, it was stated that Cunningham is certified as an adjudicator as is required.

During the last board meeting, it was brought up that someone on the Streit campaign "strong armed" people to make contributions at attend the recently held campaign fundraiser. Several campaign workers addressed the board stating that they were angry at the accusation since none of them would ever act that way. However, it was stated that calls were received that complained about the tactics. Mayor Sandra Bury stated that she would stand by her comments and that she was told it was 'a male voice' that was heard.

The board approved the 'financial assistance' agreement between the village and Advocate Christ Medical Center. The agreement will see the hospital paying the village approximately $2.5-million for construction fees as well as payment instead of taxes. This payment will last until January 2016 but is expected to continue in the future. The hospital being a not-for-profit entity does not have to pay taxes but does have an impact on the village's resources. This agreement is designed to help cover the village's finances.

The board also approved the implementation of 4-way stop signs at 97th and Marion and 97th and Merrimac to help alleviate traffic problems at that intersection.

A plea for volunteers was made for the village's annual Snow Removal program. Trustee Alex Olejniczak, who started the annual program, said the village is need of more volunteers for the program, which starts on Dec. 1st. Seniors must apply to the village so they can be paired with snow shoveling volunteers.

This is a chance to fulfill community service hours for students, scout troops and youth groups. Those interested in volunteers can call the Oak Lawn Police Department at (708) 499-7880.

Owner-operator of Stacked reported that the restaurant, located across from the village hall, will be hosting WGN on Nov. 2nd and asked for permission to erect a tent on the side of the building to keep overflow patrons safe and not to bother any neighboring business. The event is for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. He was given permission.

# *Offer Weaving Class*

**A new six week weaving class begins at The Log Cabin Center for the Arts, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, Wednesday, Nov. 6, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Weaver Nettie Botts of Palos Park teaches each new student to create a sampler on portable table looms during their first three weeks in her class. For those who continue, Botts then helps them to design a project of their own choosing. Experienced weavers design projects in the pattern weave of their choice, using either the table looms or the large floor looms. Weavers make projects such as scarves and table linens of their own color scheme and design.**

**The cost of the weaving class is $84, plus a $10 materials fee for new weavers' samplers. Students will purchase their own threads and yarns for future projects.**

**Advance registration is required. Call (708) 361-3650.**

**Pictured: weaving student Carol Looby using one of the four-harness table looms.**

# *Speech Team Goes To St. Louis*

**As a test of unity, traveling together would seem the ultimate trial for any high school team.**

**Every waking minute requires conversation and activity – nonstop proximity and interaction that will make or break a group.**

**Shepard High School speech coaches and students seem to have discovered some secret. They keep traveling together, this year to St. Louis.**

**"The trip's purpose is to have the team bond while experiencing theatre in a different city. The past two years, we've gone to Minneapolis, but this year, we wanted to try something different. I'm glad we went, as the kids had a blast," said coach Jeff Vazzana.**

**Indeed, students loved it.**

**The team left Shepard at 5 a.m. and drove straight to the Gateway Arch. The government shutdown prevented students from taking the elevator to the top, but they still walked the grounds.**

**Then it was off to the City Museum.**

**Like their previous trips to Minneapolis, the Shepard speech team participated in an improvisational theater workshop on the second day. Even the trip to Six Flags included some theater: The Shepard group visited Fright Fest.**

**The trip closed with a trip to the famed St. Louis Zoo.**

**Whatever their destination in the upcoming speech season, the Shepard students already have arrived as a team.**

**Speech team members from Shepard High School appear outside City Theatre during their recent trip to St. Louis.**

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 31 – Thursday – Worth Township Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 1 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 12:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In" Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

NOVEMBER 4 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 4 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 5 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 6 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 7 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 7 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center Auditorium, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 11 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 12 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 12 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 12 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 13 – Wednesday – Free Blood Pressure Screenings, Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95th St., 10 to 11 a.m.


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# *Marist Service Group To Hold Breast Cancer Fundraiser*

**Marist High School's service group will hold "Think Pink", a celebration of breast cancer survivors and a remembrance of those who have lost their battle with the disease. The event will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 30th in school's main gym from 7 to 9 p.m.**

**There will be a variety of craft vendors, an all-pink fashion show, raffle baskets, mini spa treatments, food and beverages. The cost is $10 with all proceeds to benefit Little Company of Mary's Comprehensive Breast Health Center.**

**For tickets, contact Colleen Pochyly at pochyly.colleen@marist.net or 773-881-5359. This event is open to the public.**

**Celebrating 58 years of excellence, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street in Chicago, is a Catholic, college-prep, co-ed institution committed to making Jesus known and loved while preparing students for higher education and life.**

**Pictured: Participants in the all-pink fashion show at a previous Think Pink at Marist High School show off the sillier side of going pink!**

# Medicare Open Enrollment Period

Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) Director John K. Holton, Ph.D., this week announced free counseling assistance is available to help educate Medicare-eligible individuals and their caregivers regarding their Medicare insurance options. Medicare Open Enrollment runs through Dec. 7. The department's Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP), provides free counseling for Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers.

"Annual open enrollment is time to review your Medicare Part D, Medicare Advantage plan or check current coverage to make sure your benefits are working for you. I encourage people to use this time to re-read any letters you've received from the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, review your current plan, and note of any changes in costs and benefits that will take effect next year. Medicare coverage and determining which of the different options to select can be overwhelming, but a SHIP counselor can help," said Director Holton.

SHIP counselors can explain the drug, health, and supplemental plans that are available to help seniors and people with disabilities to help them make the best choices. The SHIP hotline, 800-548-9034, is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays. For SHIP sites, go to http://www.state.il.us/aging/SHIP_SiteSponsorListByCounty_All.pdf

SHIP is a year-round program, not affiliated with any insurance company, and counselors do not sell or solicit any type of insurance. Counselors educate and answer questions about Medicare A, B, D and Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Supplement policies, Extra Help for Part D, long term care insurance, and employer retiree health plans. Counselors are adept at filing Medicare appeals and will help make sense of the paperwork associated with Medicare such as explanation of benefits notices and bills from medical providers. SHIP counseling services allow for peace-of-mind, knowing that you are getting the most from your health insurance benefits.

It is important to clarify Medicare Open Enrollment (Oct. 15 to Dec. 7) is not the same as the open enrollment that started Oct. 1st for uninsured people to sign up for coverage on health insurance exchanges or marketplace. Enrollment to purchase health coverage on the new marketplace, which in Illinois is called Get Covered Illinois, runs until March 2014. If you have health coverage through Medicare, the Marketplace will not have any effect on your Medicare coverage. To compare 2014 drug and health plans and find out more about Medicare, including preventive services now covered, log on the federal website at www.medicare.gov

# Discuss Proposed Illiana Expressway

Transportation Secretary Ann L. Schneider was joined by Sen. Jim Hutchinson (D-Chicago Heights), Sen. Pat McGuire (D-Crest Hill), Rep. Al Riley (D-Hazel Crest), Will County Executive Larry Walsh Sr., and other officials Wednesday, Oct. 16th near the site of the proposed Illiana Corridor to discuss the importance of this public-private partnership project to the Will County and south suburban region. The project will be the subject of a crucial Oct. 17 vote by the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization's Policy Committee, whose members will decide if it should be included in the organization's long range transportation plan and therefore make it eligible for federal funding.

"The Illiana is among the top three projects in the CMAP 2040 regional transportation plan in terms of job creation, congestion relief and economic output," Secretary Schneider said. "Will County is a regional, national, and internationally significant inland port that continues to grow. This region's prosperity was built upon the movement of freight, and the Illiana is precisely the type of strategic transportation investment that we need to make here."

The Illiana project will have huge economic and transportation benefits for Chicago Southland. It is strongly supported by more than 40 communities, Will County, the governors of Illinois and Indiana, business owners, labor organizations and thousands of other stakeholders across two states. The Illiana will create better ways to distribute the region's goods, welcome new investment from businesses that depend on good transportation, and make it easier, safer, and more energy- and time-efficient to travel throughout Illinois and Indiana. In addition, it will create both short and long term employment for thousands, all with low risk for taxpayers.

The comprehensive studies about Illiana that have been done by the Illinois and Indiana Departments of Transportation and their international consultant teams, and reviewed by the U.S. Transportation Department, offer the best analysis of the project. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning staff have offered a simplistic and misleading analysis, and based on this have indicated their opposition to the Illiana.

"The Illiana process should move forward – let stakeholders, agencies, officials at all levels, and builders decide if it's a good project," Secretary Schneider said.

The Illiana Expressway will be a 47-mile access controlled highway that extends from I-55 in Illinois on the west to I-65 in Indiana on the east. The preferred corridor is located in Will County in Illinois and Lake County in Indiana. When built, the Illiana Corridor Project will provide $1 million in daily congestion relief and reduce the strain of truck traffic on local roads, thereby improving safety, travel times and job accessibility. Potential economic benefits include the creation of long term jobs that equate to $1.3 billion in wages.

# College & Career Fair

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) College and Career Fair on Oct. 27 from 2 to 5 p.m. at its 27th Annual Conference in Chicago.

The HACU College and Career Fair, co-sponsored by Roosevelt University - Heller College of Business and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), is provided for middle school, high school and college students and their parents to meet with representatives of colleges and universities, potential future employers, and attend college-related workshops. Workshop topics include: Admissions 101, Money, Money & More Money, Playing Athletics in College, and Admissions Testing, the Final Hurdle.

Hilton Chicago, Exhibit Hall Salon B (lower level), 720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605.

More information is available at www.hacu.net


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# McAuley All-Class Reunion And McAuley Hall Induction

The Mother McAuley Saint Xavier Academy Alumnae Association will host the school's first annual All Class Reunion and McAuley Hall Induction ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. All alumnae, friends and supporters of the school are invited to attend this first ever event, which will be held on the school's campus, located at 1771 W. 99th Street in Chicago.

The evening will begin with Mass at 5:30 p.m. celebrated by Fr. Mark Walter, followed by a 7 p.m. ceremony recognizing the first-ever inductees, nominees and nominators of McAuley Hall – the school's new Hall of Honor. Inductees were chosen from numerous submissions. In addition to the inductees, all nominees and their nominators will be honored that evening. McAuley Hall will be a permanent installation at the school, serving to educate and inspire current and future students, and all who visit the school.

"The All Class Reunion and McAuley Hall induction will be one of the most exciting and well-attended events ever held at the school," said Lorri Johnson Nagle '81, chair of the Reunion. "We've been planning for more than a year and can't wait to welcome back all of our alumnae."

More than 100 nominations were received, each detailing the life and accomplishments of a member of the McAuley family. McAuley is pleased to honor this inaugural group of women into the Hall of Honor.

**Sheila Taaffe Reynolds, '39**

Graduating from Saint Xavier Academy (former name of McAuley), Sheila Taaffe Reynolds had an ear for languages. She became a cryptographer, decoding messages sent from Japanese shipping yards during World War II, but perhaps some of her greatest achievements were raising 12 children and housing and nurturing countless foreign exchange students.

**Sharon R. Chester, '60**

With roots at McAuley and wings all over the world, Sharon Chester traveled to numerous countries as a Pan American flight attendant and as a researcher, becoming an accomplished author. She's written over 15 natural history books and travel guides and is an ornithologist, having seen every species of bird.

**Sister Brian Costello, RSM**

Credited with designing the liberal arts curriculum that McAuley still teaches today, Sister Brian Costello has been involved in all facets of Catholic education from teacher to principal to superintendent. McAuley continues to honor her legacy by bestowing the prestigious Brian Costello Award to a senior each year.

**Karen Murphy, MD, '68**

Although Dr. Karen Murphy was diagnosed with polio as a child, she didn't let her illness define her. After graduating from McAuley in 1968, she became a Fulbright scholar and attended medical school at Northwestern University later in life – well after college, so she could live her passion – helping others as a family doctor.

**Nancy Cunningham Benacci '73**

Upon graduating from McAuley in 1973, Nancy Cunningham Benacci attended John Carroll University and is currently Director of Equity Research for KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. in Cleveland, Ohio. She leads the 65 person Research Department, which focuses on companies in the consumer, energy, basic materials, industrial, and real estate sectors.

**Sylvia Reed Curran, '75**

American Diplomat Sylvia Reed Curran's lifetime advantage began once she graduated from McAuley in 1975. She has served the United States for more than 25 years as the Chargé d'Affaires to Turkmenistan and United States Counsel General to Vladivostok, Russia, where she currently resides.

**Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman, '83**

Graduating from McAuley in 1983, Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman's foray into government began in 2002 when she was elected Cook County Board Commissioner. Although she already held a bachelor of arts in marketing from the University of Minnesota, she made the conscious decision to further her education and received an MBA from the University of Notre Dame in 2008. Ms. Gorman is in her third term as Commissioner.

**Dr. Roz Iasillo and the EcoMacs**

Teaching for more than 25 years, Dr. Roz Iasillo previously served as Department Chair of Natural & Health Sciences, and now serves as S.T.E.M. Coordinator. She developed and currently oversees the environmental science club, EcoMacs. In 2010, Dr. Roz (as she's affectionately called by students) oversaw Operation Haiti, in which the EcoMacs built a biodiesel processor for a school in Haiti after the area suffered a devastating earthquake.

"These women exemplify the Lifetime Advantage that a McAuley education has provided to more than 25,000 alumnae and counting," says Jodi Farrell '84, president of the Alumnae Association. "Our inductees' accomplishments speak to the value of working hard for well-earned success, but also the importance of sharing one's gifts and talents to make significant contributions to their community and beyond."

The All-Class Reunion will kick off at 7 p.m. with a champagne reception to celebrate all 2013 inductees, nominees and nominators. Food, drink and a variety of entertainment will be featured throughout the evening. McAuley spirit wear and other special merchandise will be available for purchase. Special entertainment will be provided by current students representing various McAuley clubs and organizations.

Alumnae classes which are celebrating a 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th+ reunion will have the opportunity to reunite with their classmates in designated rooms. Representatives from these banner years are encouraged to become involved. For more information, contact Linda Balchunas Jandacek '84, Alumnae Coordinator, at (773) 881-6565 or alumnae@mothermcauley.org.

Proceeds from the Reunion will benefit the Student Resource Fund, which supports extraordinary needs of student organizations, student activities and student athletic clubs or teams. Student Resource Funds help sustain opportunities that promote unique learning experiences outside of the classroom, and instill leadership skills in young women.

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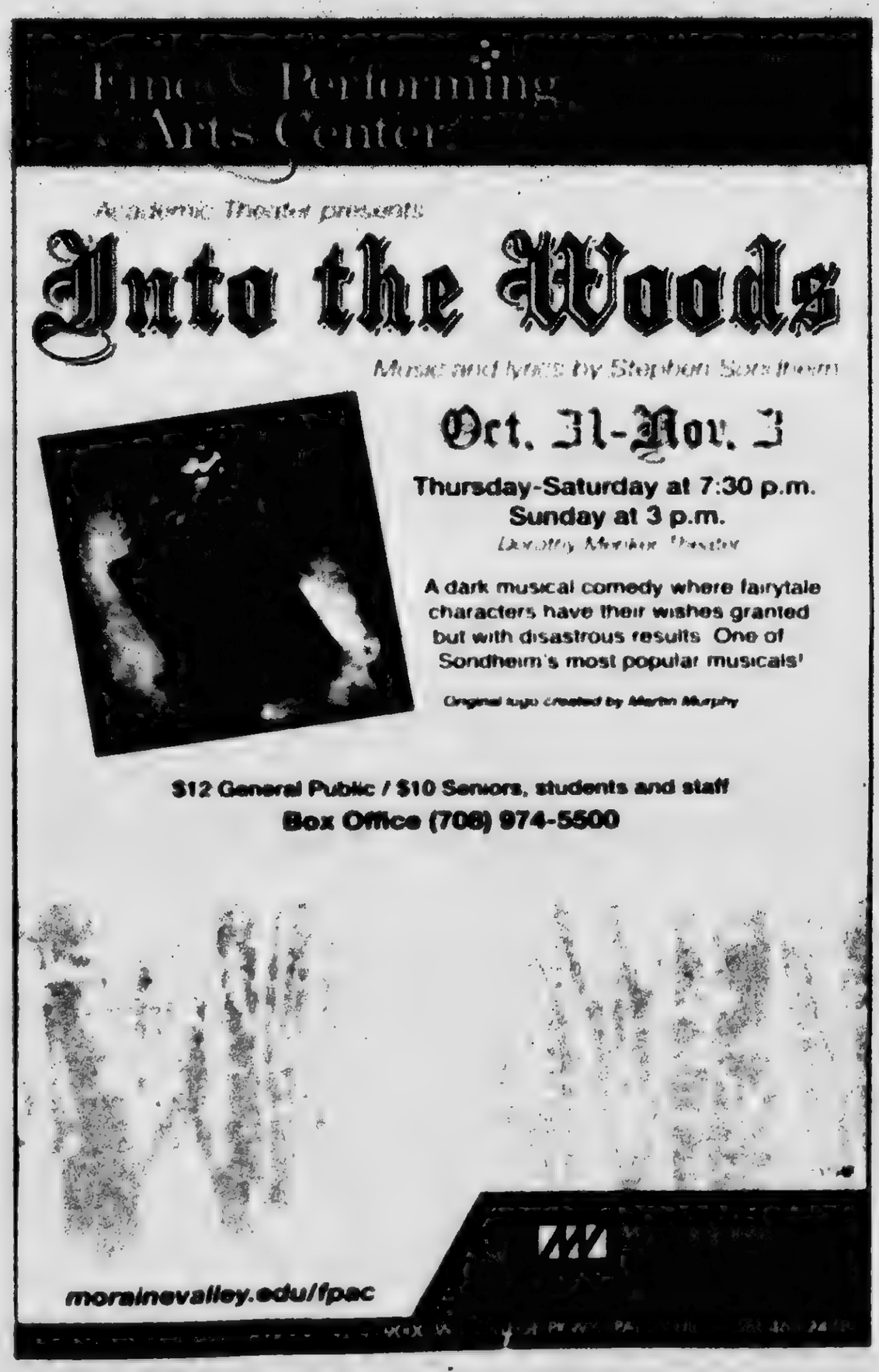

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# EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

## *Support Illinois Supreme Court Decisions On Identity Theft*

Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, penned a letter to Brett Gorman, Chair of the Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee, commending the Illinois Supreme court on the issuance of Rule 138 and Proposal 13-05. She noted that both rules help prevent identity theft and are protections for public court records, especially in light of the future possibility of these documents being accessed electronically.

Rule 138, which went into effect in July, requires the removal of personal information: such as Social Security, driver's license and credit card numbers, from all documents filed in all civil cases. Proposal 13-05, which consists of two provisions that require the removal of birth dates and names of minors from documents, will take effect on January 1, 2014.

In her letter to Gorman, Clerk Brown wrote, "We have also included Rule 138 compliance as part of our eFiling MCLE Training for the past eight weeks and have received positive feedback from litigants."

Clerk Brown points out that she agrees with a key provision of Rule 138 that does not require the Illinois Clerks of Court to redact personal identity information from the court record, placing that responsibility on the litigants who are most able and familiar with the content of the documents.

In response to concerns expressed about the Rules at the Hearing, Clerk Brown offered several practical suggestions for implementing Rule 138 and Proposal 13-05, including:

**1. Conduct CLE Training or Webinar for attorneys.** Clerk Brown noted that attorneys may not understand the purpose of Rule 138 in preventing identity theft. However, it is important for attorneys to understand and comply with the language of the Rule. Therefore, specialized training may be beneficial to help attorneys avoid penalties for violation of the Rule.

**2. Permit customers to electronically file the Notice of Personal Identity Information with Court Filing form under seal via eFiling systems.** Although current Electronic Filing Standards and Principles do not permit any confidential documents to be electronically filed, Clerk Brown recommends that permission be granted for customers to electronically file at least the Notice of Confidential Information Within Court Filing form under seal. Then, attorneys will not be inconvenience with trips to the courthouse for the purpose of filing a single document under seal.

**3. Create a "Relational" Notice of Personal Identity Information Within Court Filing Form.** Clerk Brown proposes the creation of a one-page confidential guide for judges and attorneys in cases where personal identifiers are redacted from the public court file. The "relational" Notice of Personal Identity Information form would be especially helpful in cases involving minors such as child support. Accordingly, the "relational" Notice of Personal Identity Information form would be "tagged" as relating to a particular document, so the Clerk, judge and attorney can easily unite the original publicly-filed document with the Notice form that was filed under seal, and the Clerk can easily transmit the required information to justice agencies. Clerk Brown volunteered the services of the Clerk's Office, with input from the judiciary, to help create the relational notice form.

**4. Combine the Rule 15 Notice of Confidential Information Within Court Filing form with the Rule 138 Notice of Personal Identity Information Within Court Filing Form.** Both Rules 15 and 138 require that Social Security Numbers not be publicly filed with the Clerk. Clerk Brown pointed out that one combined form would be less confusing to litigants and, therefore, have more utility.

Clerk Brown concluded that Rule 138 is "thoughtfully drafted and clear, and it is important that litigants act in compliance with it." Additionally, she affirmed the Clerk's Office continual support of the Supreme Court's progression towards establishing safeguards to prevent criminal identity theft.

## *Commissioner Debra Shore Receives Award*

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Commissioner Debra Shore was presented with the Public Officials Award during the Water Environment Federation's celebration of excellence reception and ceremony held at the McCormick Place Convention Center on Oct. 8.

The Public Officials Award is presented to an elected or appointed public official that has made a documented significant contribution in the areas of clean water legislation, public policy, government service or another area of public prominence that resulted in improvements to the water environment.

"This is a great honor, and I am very proud to bring this award back to the District," said Commissioner Shore. "Everyone who works at the District is committed to improving the water environment to make the Chicago waterways and region a better place to live and work."

Commissioner Shore is chairman of two MWRD committees, the Municipalities Committee and the Public Information and Education Committee. She is also vice chairman of the Budget and Employment Committee and the Engineering Committee. Committee assignments are vital to agency operations as their leaders establish policy direction.

Since the MWRD is charged with "wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County," Commissioner Shore is working to expedite projects that will help alleviate flooding and improve water quality. The Watershed Management Ordinance, which passed on October 3, is one such project.

"No region can have a healthy economy without a healthy environment," said Commissioner Shore. "The Watershed Management Ordinance is but one important step in our efforts to protect public health and water quality by seeking to treat rain as a resource and not as a problem."

Commissioner Shore is also working to bring innovative technologies to the MWRD. "All these things that we used to call 'waste' – the methane gas generated by sewage treatment, the phosphorus in effluent, our biosolids, even treated wastewater – all these have value, and we are in the process of trying to capture and monetize that value. We are developing methods for recovery and reuse of phosphorus and nitrogen from the wastewater treatment process that will further enhance water quality. Just yesterday we announced a partnership with Ostara to begin planning for the nutrient recovery facility. How exciting to be part of this transformation to a resource recovery agency."

Dr. Krishna Pagilla, an Illinois Institute of Technology professor and president of the Illinois Water Environment Association, submitted the Commissioner's original nomination; he also received the Fair Distinguished Engineering Educator Medal and Camp Applied Research award at WEFTEC® 2013.

## *All Points Southwest*

**By THOMAS E. GAVIN**

The Illinois Judges Association is putting the focus on lawyer donated legal work by issuing a Resolution recognizing October 20-26, 2013, as Pro Bono Week. According to IJA President Mary Schostok, "The judges in this state see daily that our citizens have unmet legal needs. Our judges are actively involved in promoting and support equal access to justice through support of the Illinois Supreme Court's Access to Justice Commission and our efforts to provide education, advice, and representation to meet the increasing need. The Illinois Judges Association is dedicated to encouraging pro bono service and congratulates and thanks these volunteers by issuing this Resolution."

The Resolution that was adopted by the officers of the Illinois Judges Association is designed to draw attention to the enormous amount of public service work done in communities throughout Illinois by lawyers and judges to improve the lives of their friends and neighbors. In 2012, over 30,000 Illinois attorneys provided 2,142,527 hours of Pro Bono Service through services to persons of limited means or the organizations who serve them and through providing training to lawyers who provide the pro bono services. Also, in 2012, Illinois attorneys and Judges made monetary contributions to Pro Bono Service Organizations totalling nearly $16 million.

The fourth week in October has been designated by the American Bar Association as Pro Bono Week as an effort to showcase pro bono work across the state and the country.

The Resolution states "that the Illinois Judges Association recognizes the week of Oct. 20-26, 2013, as Pro Bono Week, commends Illinois attorneys and judges for their ongoing pro bono contributions, and encourages judges to inspire attorneys to engage in pro bono work in order to make a significant difference in the lives of Illinoisans who would not otherwise have access to the legal system, and further urges all Illinoisans to recognize the contribution of the legal community helping those most in need."

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Congressman Bill Foster (IL-11) sent All Points the following statement on the vote to pass a continuing resolution and reopen the government.

"While I am disappointed that extreme and irresponsible factions in Congress were able to force a costly and harmful government shutdown, I am very pleased that more rational and moderate Members of Congress were able to reach a bipartisan agreement to reopen our government and pay our bills. While today was a step in the right direction, our work is far from done.

"We cannot continue to govern from one manufactured crisis to the next. Now it is time for moderate Republicans and Democrats to come together and work out a long term budget agreement that builds on the economic recovery we've seen since the recession.

"As a businessman, I know the value of coming together to find common sense solutions. I hope that after this experience, Members of Congress will stop focusing on factional infighting and winning political battles, and start working to improve our communities, our economy and our country."

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All Points received the following statement from Senator Kirk Dillard regarding last week's vote by the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee to approve the Illiana Expressway.

"I fully support today's decision. The Illiana Expressway will play a crucial role in the future growth and development of northeastern Illinois. As a candidate for governor, I have included the Illiana in my jobs program to make Illinois a 'destination economy' and to help ease traffic congestion throughout the Chicago region."

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Congressman Bobby Rush, with the assistance of Midlothian Mayor Sharon Rybak, are hosting an educational seminar this Friday morning, Oct. 25th at the Raday Lodge (corner of 145th St. & Kedzie Ave.), from 8 to 9:30 a.m. The Affordable Healthcare Act and Small Business are featured topics. Additionally, guests will learn How different provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) may apply to them, How one can explore health insurance plan options and select the plan best suited for one's business, What is the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit and who is eligible? For more information call (708) 385-9550 or RSVP by emailing congressmanrush.districtcy@mail.house.gov.

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The Irish American Alliance Social Club will host their annual DERBY DAY on Saturday, Nov. 2nd at Hawthorne Race Track, 3501 S. Laramie in Cicero. Doors open at 1 p.m., buffet at 2 p.m. and Post Time is at 2:10 p.m. Seating on the Turf Club Terrace overlooking the Finish Line. Enjoy exciting thoroughbred racing with Breeders Cup Simulcast, a chance to win the Trifecta, terrific prizes on the raffle table, and more. Tickets are $40 per person. To order tickets call (708) 598-4838 or visit www.chicagoiaa.com.

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State Rep. Fran Hurley (D-Chicago) has announced her intention to form a Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. Hurley plans to meet regularly with this committee to discuss issues affecting senior.

Adding to her commitment to include local residents in the legislative process, Hurley's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee is open to all 35th District seniors and residents, who will have an opportunity to voice their opinions on senior issues and potential legislation that affects seniors. Hurley is creating her Senior Citizen Advisory Committee so that people have an opportunity to discuss state and local issues that affect senior citizens and provide input on how the state can better serve these needs and concerns.

Topics that will be addressed by the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee will include senior services and resources available through the state, budget concerns affecting seniors, and legislation that will affect senior citizens in Illinois. Residents are encouraged to sign up for the committee by Thursday, Oct. 31.

To receive more information or to join the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee residents should call Hurley's full-time constituent service office at (773) 445-8128 or (708) 233-9703.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recently the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the Cook County Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO). The WMO was adopted with an effective date of May 1, 2014.

The MWRD held five public meetings this summer throughout the district offering the public the opportunity to voice their opinions regarding the proposed WMO. We listened to the public and incorporated many of the suggestions received into our final draft.

The purpose of the WMO is to establish uniform stormwater management regulations for Cook County in order to prevent future commercial, municipal and residential development and redevelopment projects from exacerbating flooding. Paved roads, parking lots, walkways and buildings make the city and the suburbs livable, but they also reduce the amount of land that rainwater can properly and efficiently be absorbed. This leads to increased flooding without sufficient regulation. The WMO ensures that commercial and residential development will continue, but in a responsible manner that will help curb residential flooding.

Thank you to our staff, the technical committee, and to members of the community who worked so very hard to bring the WMO to our Board for approval. The WMO was truly the result of the collaboration of many different ideas and best practices we aim to deliver to the citizens of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Respectfully,
Kathleen Therese Meany, President
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
of Greater Chicago

# Fundraiser For Elmer's Kids

In Memory of Denise Anton, Special Education Teacher and Mt. Greenwood resident, Burnside Scholastic Academy will hold a fundraiser for Elmer's Kids of Burnside Scholastic Academy in Chicago at Shinnocks Bar, 3258 S. Union, Chicago on Friday, Nov. 1st from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets are $20 a person. There will be raffles, split the pot and other great prizes.

To make a donation, contact Peggy at (773) 269-1255 or Peggy1111@gmail.com

# Ingalls Hospice Memorial Service

Acclaimed life coach, motivational speaker and author Tom Zuba will offer a new perspective on grieving at the Ingalls Hospice 8th annual Memorial Service Saturday, Nov. 16.

Rockford-based Zuba became an unwilling expert on grief after suffering several devastating losses within his own young family beginning in 1999. That's when he lost his 18-month old daughter Erin to a sudden illness.

Tragically, his 43-year-old wife died equally as suddenly on New Year's Day 1999 from a rare blood disorder. His 13-year-old son Rory died from brain cancer in 2005.

Zuba says he and his remaining son Sean explore life one day at a time.

"After my daughter Erin died I was broken, shattered, lost, confused, angry, shaken, sad and many, many other things for many, many years," he explains. "My foundation was destroyed. I had no way of knowing if there was a light at the end of the tunnel. It took me a long, long time to discover that yes, indeed, there was a light."

As devastating as Zuba's wife's death was, he said he knew he would survive because he had two young sons depending on him. Six years later, after his son died, Zuba questioned whether survival was even something he wanted to do.

"But in time, I realized that not only was there light at the end of the tunnel, but this time the tunnel was lit," he adds. "This time I was able to observe my journey, not simply feel victim to it. I learned so much. I realized that I could consciously participate in my own transformation."

At the Nov. 16 Ingalls Hospice event, Zuba will share important tools and knowledge about living with loss, as well as wisdom he has gained over the years to create a full, joy-filled life.

The Memorial Service will run from 10 a.m. to noon at the Marie Irwin Community Center, 8120 Highland Road in Homewood. The event will also feature a ceremony of remembrance and a celebration of loved ones who have passed.

For more information or to register, call Ingalls Bereavement Services at (708) 331-1360 or email Rev. Wanda Parker, bereavement coordinator, at wparker@ingalls.org

# Health & Nutrition

Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

Ms. Lysen is currently at the annual meeting of the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics in Houston. Her column will resume upon her return.

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*Lucinda K. Lysen is a registered dietitian and registered nurse. She has published four medical nutrition textbooks and numerous book chapters. She is currently Medical Editor and Acting Publisher of the Southwest Messenger Press Newspapers. For further information regarding today's column you may contact Ms. Lysen at Southwest Messenger Press, 6840 West 147th Street, Midlothian, Illinois 60445 or at* dietdown@aol.com

# Knitting Classes At The Center

The Log Cabin Center for the Arts, 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park, will offer six week knitting classes on Friday mornings, beginning Nov. 1, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and on Monday evenings beginning Nov. 18, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Master knitter Georgann Ring welcomes both beginners and experienced knitters to her classes. Beginners will learn to use the knit and purl stitches, to cast on and bind off, to manage simple increases and decreases, and to read a simple pattern while completing their first two knitting projects; a dishcloth and then a scarf. Ring will help those with experience to choose individual projects and to learn more advanced knitting skills.

The class fee is $84. Beginning students should bring a full of Sugar n' Cream yarn in a light solid color and a pair of size US 9/5.5mm, preferably aluminum, knitting needles to the first class. After the first project, students will purchase yarns and patterns after consultation with the instructor. Advance registration is required. Call The Center (708) 361-3650.

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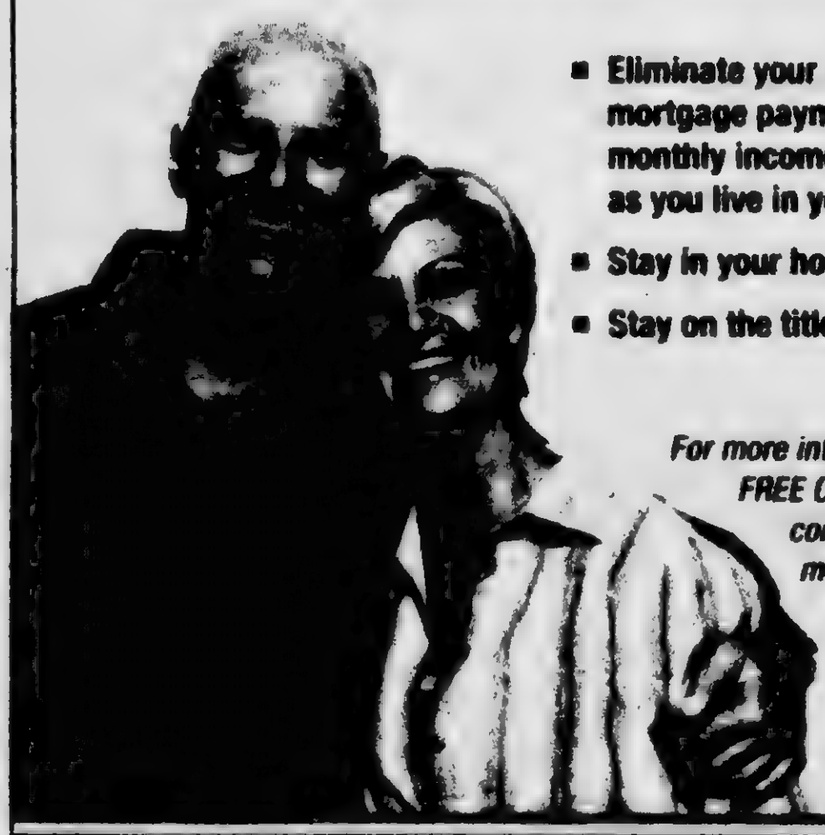

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**Pictured are Commissioner Debra Shore and Cordell Samuels, Water Environment Federation President.**

# Weight Watchers Opens New Meeting In Crestwood

Weight Watchers is pleased to announce the opening of a new meeting in Crestwood. The new meeting opens on Thursdays – doors open at 4:45 p.m., the meeting time is 5:30 p.m. at The Pointe at Kilpatrick (14230 S. Kilpatrick). Weight Watchers leader Gale will welcome members and visitors to learn all about the program. Visitors are welcome to attend a meeting for free.

Gale, like all of the leaders, lost weight following the Weight Watchers program. Her weight loss allows her to truly understand the challenges and celebrations involved in making the commitment to lose weight. "Weight Watchers is designed to teach you the fundamentals of weight loss and beyond," says Gale. "The program and the support are designed to help you stick to your weight loss efforts, all the way to goal."

"At Weight Watchers, we recognize that food is only one part of the weight-loss equation – activity, healthy habits, support and smart food choices – these are the keys that can lead to real, lasting success. To make it easy, we've wrapped it all up in our Weight Watchers program. And the food part? It's still covered, with our proven PointsPlus food plan," explains Lisa, Territory Manager, Weight Watchers. "People are welcome to come in and visit a meeting for free. We are excited about this new meeting opening in Crestwood and look forward to helping local residents reach their weight loss goals."

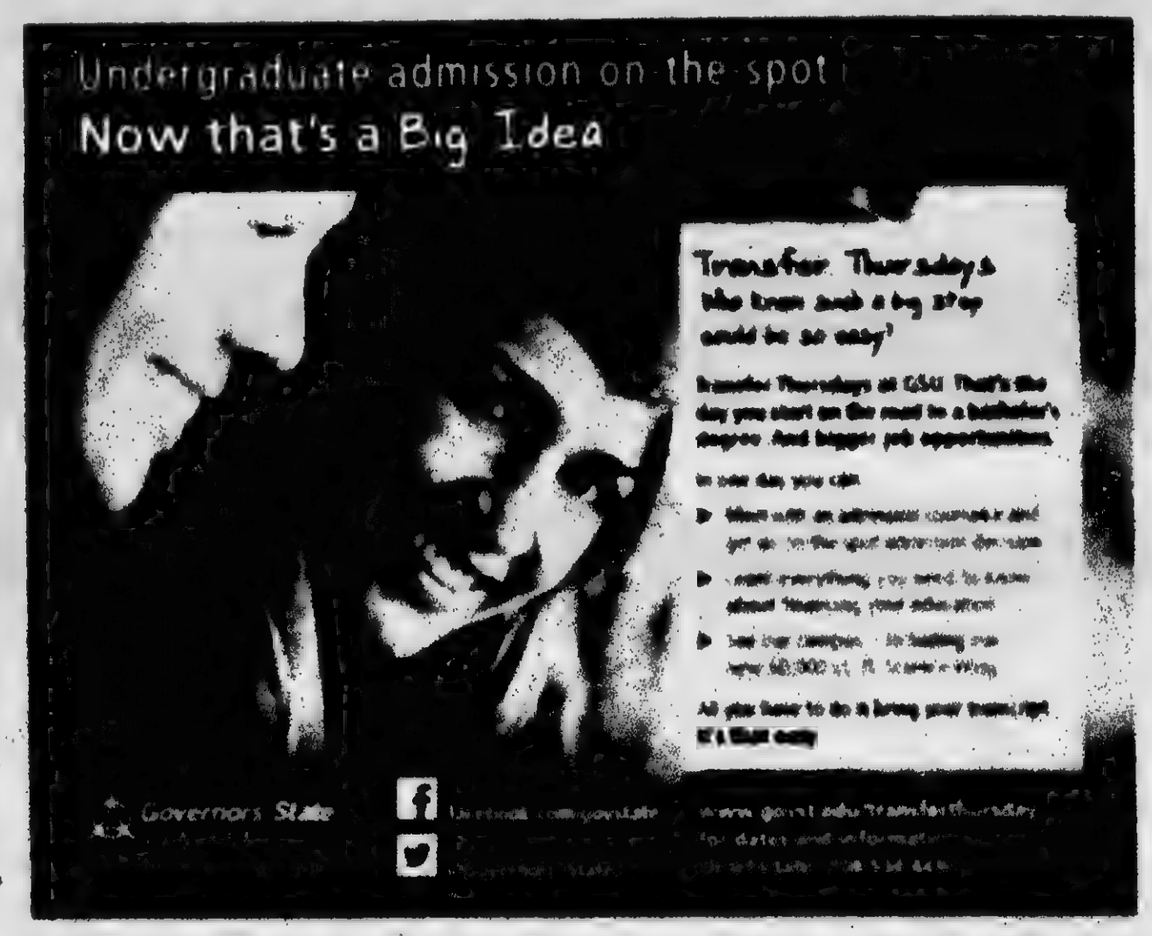
To learn more about Weight Watchers, visit www.weightwatchers.com. To find the nearest Weight Watchers meeting location, call 1(800) 651-6000 or click on the "Find a Meeting" link at the top of the homepage.

# Center Star Gazers

A new Star Gazers group will meet at The Center, at 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park, on Friday evening, Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

The new star gazing group is intended for anyone interested in exploring the night sky. The group will begin with a discussion in The Center lodge on the west side of Southwest Highway, and then drive to the farm on the east side for relatively dark-sky viewing. Participants should bring a chair and flashlight.

No fee is charged, but pre-registration is requested. Call The Center at (708) 361-3650.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Sue's treatments are not covered by insurance. The enormous medical bills along with the day to day expenses have created a massive financial burden for the Moran Family. The [illegible] are asking you to help Sue in her journey for life. Please consider donating food or items to be raffled at the benefit, or making a financial contribution.

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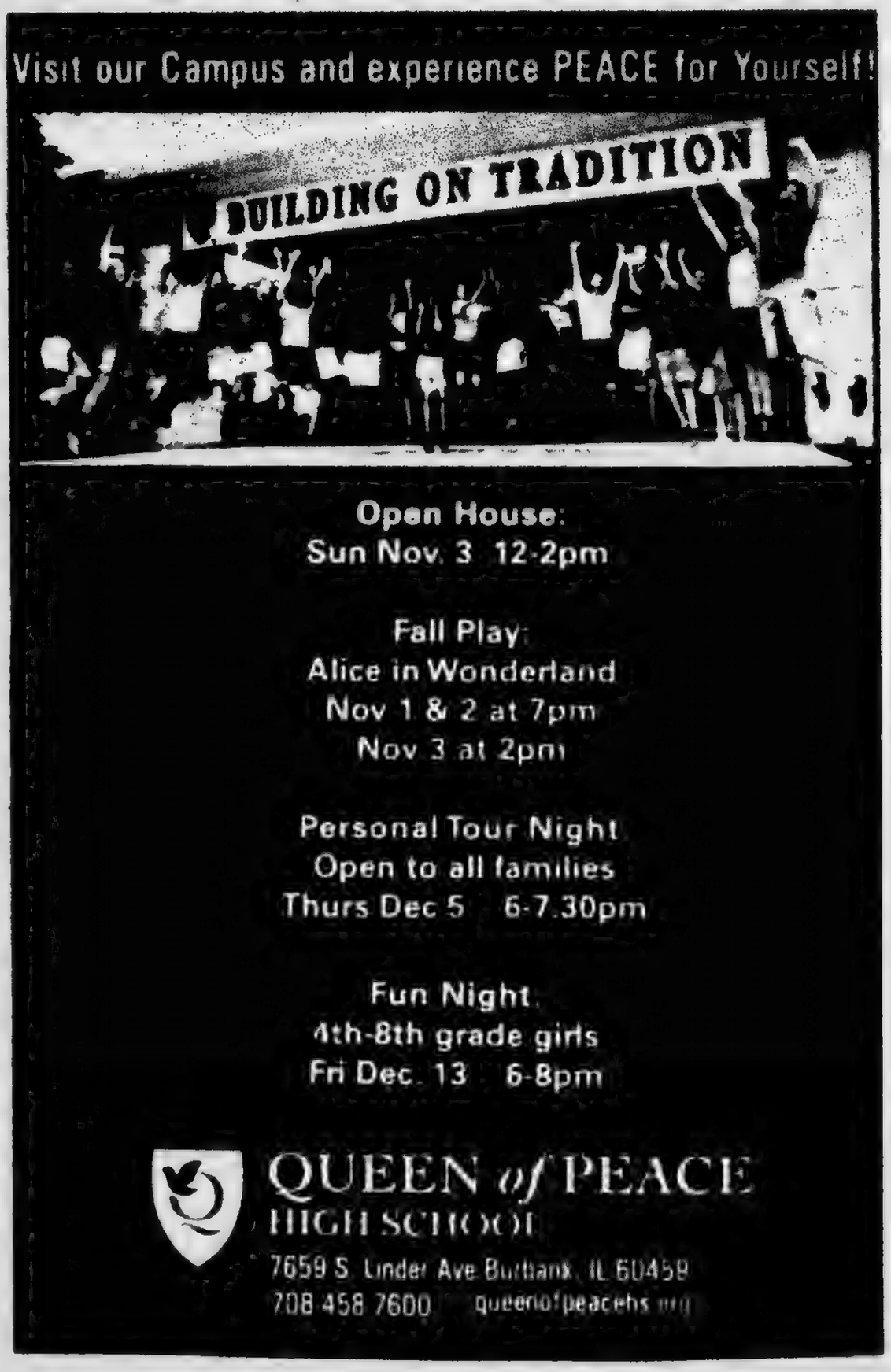

# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## Palos Village Players Present Final Play

**The Palos Village Players will present their final play of the 2013 season, the fairy tale musical Once Upon a Mattress with music by Mary Rodgers, lyrics by Marshall Barer and book by Jay Thompson, Marshall Barer and Dean Fuller. The play will be performed at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 8, 9, 15 and 16 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10 and 17 at the Palos Park Recreation Center, 8901 W. 123rd St. It is the story of a love-sick nobleman seeking to marry his sweetheart. Unfortunately the rule of the land is that no one can marry until the ruling prince has taken a bride. However the situation is hindered by the fact that the Prince's overprotective mother has thwarted all efforts to find a suitable bride. After a long and arduous effort, the young nobleman, Sir Harry, introduces a prospective bride to the Prince. She is Princess Winifred of the swamps. Immediately stricken by the Princess, Prince Dauntless sets into motion plans for a lavish wedding, as his scheming mother cooks up a test that's sure to set his marital plans awry. Princess Winifred is played by Aimee Jarzembowski (Chicago) and Alex Farhart of Orland Park is Prince Dauntless. The conniving Sir Harry is Dan Sivenger of Orland Park and his prospective bride, the Lady Larkin, is played by Denise Wargowski of Tinley Park. Others in the cast include David Bell (Chicago); Kim Briner and Molly Ricker (Evergreen Park); Nick and Tom Greanias and Kathy Janik (Lemont), Sarah Callas, Kelly Carevic and Bob Szczepanski (Orland Park); Joyce Eddy (Palos Heights); Janice Marco-Bottger (Palos Hills) and and Lucy Mahoney of Worth. The director is Steve Bell of Evergreen Park and the musical Director is Michael Barr of Beverly. The producer is Christine Haines of Burbank.**

**Tickets for the show are $15 for adults and $12 for students and seniors. They can be reserved in advance by calling 1-877-PVP-TIXS. There is also a $25 combination lunch-theater ticket available for both Sunday matinees at Hackney's Restaurant, 123rd and La Grange Road. Call Hackney's at 448-8300 for reservations.**

**Pictured left to right: Johnny Greanais, Nick Greanias, Denise Wargowski, and Sarah Callas.**

## Class Reunions

**Marian Catholic** – Class of 1963 will celebrate its 50-year class reunion weekend at 7 p.m. on Oct. 25th at Marian Catholic High School, 700 Ashland Ave., Chicago Heights, with food and open bar for $25. The reunion will also feature a Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 26th at the MCHS student chapel, followed by the class reunion from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at Idlewild Country Club, 19201 Dixie Highway in Flossmoor. The cost is $75, which includes dinner and an open bar. Contact *marianchs.com*, Tim O'Hea, at trohea17@aol.com or Carol Burke Swanson at (708) 256-9775 or cswanson@marianchs.com.

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**Mother McAuley St. Xavier Academy Alumni Association** – will hold an all-class reunion and McAuley Hall induction ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 2nd at Mother McAuley High School, 3737 W. 99th St. Ticket packages start at $35. Food, drink and entertainment will be featured throughout the evening. Call (773) 881-6565 or visit *mothermcauleyalumni.org*.

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**Marian Catholic** – Class of 1978 will celebrate its 35-year reunion on Nov. 29th at the Flossmoor Country Club, 1441 Western Ave. Contact hmcsb@comcast.net.

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**Kelly High School** – Class of January 1964 is planning a 50-year reunion and is looking for classmates. Contact William Malesky at bmalesky@comcast.net or (630) 220-1770, Laura Bohanek at ron.laura@comcast.net or (815) 462-9334, or Gerald LaBarge at jnlabarge@comcast.net or (630) 852-9371.

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**Gage Park** – Class of 1968 is seeking graduates of the Class of 1968 for its 45th reunion on Friday, Nov. 8th from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Cog Hill Country Club in the Elite Great Room, 12294 Archer Ave. in Lemont. Contact Maureen Mormann Simpson, Class Vice-President, at (630) 326-9881 or Marilyn Kozlowski Kuratis at (815) 534-5414.

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**Reavis High School** – Class of 1983 will hold its 30th year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 26th at 7 p.m. with an informal get-together at Chuck's Southern Comforts Cafe (Voodoo Lounge), 650 W. 79th St. in Burbank. Contact Jan at jangeet@comcast.net.

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**Harper High School** – Classes of January and June 1963 are planning a 50-year reunion and are looking for classmates, contact Jim Smith at (352) 686-8363 or www.jimmicesmith.com or Tom Panush (708) 636-7548 or tpanush@yahoo.com.

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**St. Killian Grammar School** – looking for classmates for their 55th reunion. If you graduated from St. Killian or know of someone who might be interested, contact Carol Vasil Donnelly at (708) 293-1466, email to eden1kl@sbcglobal.net or on Facebook.

## 'Hunchback Of Notre Dame'

Get in the mood for Halloween with a classic horror movie! BAC cinema presents the 1923 silent version of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" Wednesday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m., at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago.

Starring Lon Chaney, as Quasimodo, the hunchback, the film is set in 15th century Paris during a peasant uprising. Dennis Scott, house organist for the Music Box Theater, provides live organ accompaniment.

When Quasimodo is pressed into kidnapping Esmeralda (played by Patsy Ruth Miller), the conflict escalates, leading the peasants to storm the Cathedral of Notre Dame, where Quasimodo has gone into hiding. A master of make-up special effects, Chaney was known as "the man with a thousand faces" and is best remembered for his roles in horror films, including "The Phantom of the Opera."

Tickets are $7.50 ($5.50 BAC members), parking is free and popcorn is just $1. Buy tickets online at www.beverlyartscenter.org. Information and box office, (773) 445-3838.

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**LET'S NOT LOSE ANOTHER ONE!** Over the past few years we have lost fishing tackle and bait shops that are vital to anyone who fishes locally. These small shops provide us on a face-to-face basis with live bait, timely fishing information and properly outfit us with tackle needed to make our fishing trips a success.

The reason given for these businesses folding includes competition from "Big Box" stores and "mail order shopping." With the price of gas being what it is, savings "if any" are not a factor considering the travel time involved. So far as catalog shopping is concerned, the waiting time, returning "wrong or damaged products is a hassle to say the least; and the costly 'shipping and handling' charges eat up any savings, again "if any."

Our local bait and tackle shops try to remain competitive, "they fish where you fish" and are able to help you in tackle selection, and in most cases offer an exchange policy, and can bring you up-to-the minute fishing reports. Also consider that the sales tax you pay, in part, remains in your community, and these bait and tackle shops often encourage youth fishing programs and work with fishing clubs through donations.

A few fishing tackle-bait shops that have closed in my area include: **Reickes** on 95th in Oak Lawn, **Billy's** on Southwest Highway in Chicago Ridge; **Hookers** on Harlem Ave. in Palos Hts.; **Town & Country Sports** in Alsip and just last year **JJ's Bait & Tackle** in Bridgeview. These are just a few in my immediate area that I can think of at the moment.

I just received a flyer in the mail from **Mik-Lurch Fishing Tackle Outlet** on Indianapolis Blvd. in Hammond, Indiana, whom I consider one of my go-to sources of information on the south end of Lake Michigan and other lakes and bodies of water. Proprietors **Steve Starcevich** and **Ed McCain** are trying to stay in business and are trying a unique approach to do so as they state in the brochure:

"We at Mik-Lurch have proudly served the community for over 14 years. We pride ourselves on our friendly service and the sharing of firsthand fishing experience and knowledge. Unfortunately, the economy of Mik-Lurch has been affected by the "Big Box" stores, but owners Mike and Ed are committed to finding ways to save our bait shop and to continue to serve this community."

"In an effort to generate more sales and to reach more people, we are dedicating 20% of out store to selling 'gently used' fishing equipment. If you or your friends/ family have used fishing equipment, boats or motors that are not being used or you would like to clear out some clutter bring it into Mik-Lurch's Resale Dept. and turn it into new products, cash or donations."

"**Option #1:** Donation. Help us save our store! We will be able to reach out to fishermen who may not be in a position to buy new equipment. **Option #2:** Store credit issued to be used for current or future purchases. **Option #3:** Check or cash issued."

I visited Mik-Lurch to see what this program was all about. The north wall of the store is dedicated to the Mik-Lurch Resale Dept. and I was amazed at the huge variety of tackle and related fishing equipment on display at what I consider bargain prices. Visit Mik-Lurch located at 7025 Indianapolis Blvd. in nearby Hammond, Indiana. For any questions or a fishing report call (219) 989-0575.

**■OUTDOOR CALENDAR: *Now** – Over-the-counter sales of remaining firearm deer permits. ***Oct. 26** – Central zone duck and Canada goose seasons open. ***Nov. 2** – Illini Muskies Alliance 4th Quarterly Meeting, 10 a.m. Monica's Pizza in Shelbyville. ***Nov. 3-Jan. 8** – Pheasant, quail, rabbit and Hungarian partridge season opens (details in next week's column). ***Nov. 7** – Midwest Musky Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., Village Sportsman Club, (708) 715-1625.

**■EVEN EXPERIENCED BOATERS NEED A VESSEL SAFETY CHECK:** The most cautious boaters can sometimes experience unexpected problems on the water. That's why the U.S. Coast Guard recommends that all recreational boaters, including personal watercraft and paddle sport users take advantage of the free Vessel Safety Check program every year. *http://www.uscgaux.org/*

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**■THINK ABOUT IT:** *Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.* (George Eliot)

**■E-Mail Jim Kirby:** *kirbyoutdoors@sbcglobal.net*

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# Evergreen Park Golf Team

**The Evergreen Park Golf Team had a wonderfully productive regular season record of 14-3 and was hoping for a different outcome than last years one stroke defeat at the conference tournament. The 18-hole event was held at Cog Hill on Monday, Sept. 30 and the Mustangs came to play. The EP Mustang Wild Golf team won the conference championship for the 4th time in 8 years taking down the Richards Bulldogs in grand fashion by 2 strokes. Your Mustangs were led by none other than last years MVP, JR "The Wizard of War" Wazio. JR ever came 8 three putts to shoot 82 and win individual medalist honors leading all players at the tournament. Aaron "The Green Goblin" Van Zee had to dig deep after taking a 9 and double bogey on the first 2 holes, but with Aarons "won't quit" attitude, he shot 90 which ranked 4th best in the tournament. Not to be ever shadowed was Ronnie "The Silent Assassin" O'Toole who overcame a 4-putt to shoot 91 and finish with top 10 honors. Great rounds also came from "The Great Brendino" Walsh and Joe "Steen the Bean" who also finish with top 10 honors. At the frosh/soph level, "Dangerous Danny" Smith was medalist of his tournament. The EPCHS golf team traveled to Blue Island at the Meadows Golf Club for their Regional tournament on Monday, Oct. 7th.**

**Pictured from left to right: Joe Steen, Brendan Walsh, Aaron Green-Van Zee, J.R. Wazio, Sean Miller, and Ronnie O'Toole.**

## De La Salle Open House

De La Salle Institute will be hosting four open houses for grade-school students this fall. The two open houses for young women will take place on Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to Noon and Nov. 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. at De La Salle's Lourdes Hall Campus for Young Women at 1040 W. 32nd Place in Chicago.

The two open houses for young men will take place on Nov. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to Noon at De La Salle's Institute Campus for Young Men at 3434 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago.

For more information, contact De La Salle's Director of Admissions, Chuck Kuhn, at (312) 842-7355 ext. 150 or kuhnc@dls.org.

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## Brown Wins GCAC Golf Championship

**De La Salle Institute announced student-athlete Emily Brown won the 2013 Girls Catholic Athletic Conference (GCAC) Golf Tournament on Oct. 2 at Cog Hill Golf & Country Club in Lemont.**

**Brown, a senior, carded a round of 3-over-par 74 playing on Cog Hill's No. 1 Course. In addition to finishing first at the GCAC Golf Tournament, Brown also garnered the distinction of being chosen the GCAC's 2013 Player of the Year.**

**Brown, who was a medalist five times this season while competing with De La Salle's boys golf team in the Chicago Catholic League, placed second in the GCAC Tournament in 2012.**

**Brown also excels in the classroom and is a member of the Br. J. Richard Rush Chapter of the National Honor Society at De La Salle.**

**De La Salle congratulates Brown on all her achievements and wishes her every future success.**

**Pictured: De La Salle student-athlete Emily Brown and De La Salle Lourdes Hall Campus for Young Women principal Diane Brown.**

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**Each year, varsity football players from Richards High School receive an unusual opportunity to express their gratitude.**

**On the day of a game, the players present their jerseys to a favorite teacher to wear. The gesture carries great meaning for teachers.**

**Rahaf Othman received a jersey from Santiago Calderon. He told Othman that she was one of the best teachers at Richards.**

**"It's a pretty great feeling to be appreciated. It's an awesome feeling to be referred to as one of the best teachers at Richards," said Othman.**

**When asked to explain why Othman stood apart, Calderon spared no words.**

**"I chose Ms. O because I looked at her as a role model. She always made class fun and actually made me look forward to class. She helped me whenever I needed it. She was great. To sum it up, she's one of the best teachers at Richards," Calderon said.**

**Like Calderon, Andrew Venerable gave his jersey to English teacher Meagan Coleman because of her effectiveness as an educator.**

**"He said he picked me because he enjoyed my class his junior year and that we had interesting conversations in the class," Coleman said.**

**Maybe Savon Robinson, who wears jersey number 7, expressed himself clearest in his appreciation for business education teacher Jamie Soderstrom.**

**"You have stuck with me through all my smart and not-so-smart decisions. You tell it how it is and don't yell, because yelling gets toned out. You're just my guy, Mr. Soderstrom," Robinson said.**

**Pictured: As part of their annual salute to their favorite faculty members, varsity football players from Richards High School presented jerseys to teachers. Teachers wore them on Friday and to the game.**


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Time to enjoy the donuts! Bring dad to the Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 11 to 11:45 a.m. for donuts, stories, a craft and some fun! Donuts with Daddies is for children ages 3 to 8. Registration begins Oct. 31.

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The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will hold free health screenings at the Oak Lawn Public Library on Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 10 to 11 a.m. Blood pressure screenings will be performed by personnel from the Oak Lawn Fire Department. In addition, hearing tests will be available (Limit 15). The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn, Advocate Christ Medical Center, service organizations, educators, interested community members and business leaders. For a complete schedule of dates visit the library website, www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

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Dr. Stan Pedziwiatr RPH, CDE of Advocate Christ Medical Center will discuss various diabetes medications and what you need to know on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. at the library. Blood Pressure, Oxygen and Body Mass Index screenings will also be available.

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Teen Game Night at the library will be held Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for grades 8 through 12. Come test out the new PlayStation 4, Play Kinect and Wii games, DDR, even board games. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

International Games Day will be held Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Young Adult area. Play some card and board games for International Games Day. Evil Baby Orphanage, Magic the Gathering, Apples to Apples, Monopoly and more.

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A free concert featuring Eddie Korosa Jr. and the Boys from Illinois will be held on Sunday, Nov. 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. The band, which has been together since 1976 plays polkas and favorite standards including Big Band waltzes, swing, etc. sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

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Hear a story, sing a song, make a process-oriented art project and dance at the library on Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13 and 20. Toddler classes (ages 2-3 with adult) will be held from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Preschool (ages 3-5) classes from 10:30 to 11 a.m. and the child's adult must remain in the library. Aprons are provided. Registration begins 10 days before each session.

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Donate your "gently used" books, magazines, CDs and videos to the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Ongoing Book Sale at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave. Due to space limitations, the Friends will not accept Readers Digest Condensed Books, encyclopedias and older text books.

The donation drop-off area is near the library's Cook Avenue entrance. Interested parties may fill out a short form at the Reception Booth to receive a tax letter by mail that acknowledges their donation.

The Friends Ongoing Book Sale provides an ever-changing variety of books, magazines and other forms of media at bargain prices. Hardcover books cost 50 cents each, paperbacks are 25 cents and magazines cost five cents each. Audio visual items are priced as indicated. Funds collected from the book sale support library programming and purchases that are beyond their regular budget.

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For more information about any of these Oak Lawn Library programs, call (708) 422-4990 or visit www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

# *Family Fun And Games At Covington School*

**All four corners of the gym were filled on Thursday night at Covington School!**

**What a great way to kick-off the school year! On Thursday, Sept. 26th, Mrs. Zimmerman, the Covington PBIS Committee, PTO, teachers, and parent volunteers put together an evening full of games, prizes, and good old family fun! The evening was a great success as students and their families came out to enjoy the festivities.**

**Children had a huge selection of prizes and books to pick from as BINGO and raffle winners were announced throughout the night. The ice cream social was a great way to end the evening.**

**Pictured: You can see the excitement on the faces of 2nd grader, Anna Driscoll, and 5th grader, Jocelyn Vail, as they await a BINGO!**

# 10 Free Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation will brighten up your fall by offering 10 free autumn classics trees when you join the organization in October.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation's Trees for America campaign, a program dedicated to environmental stewardship through the planting of trees.

Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in October will receive 10 free autumn classics: two sugar maples, two red maples and one each of scarlet oak, sweetgum, northern red oak, silver maple, white flowering dogwood, and Washington hawthorn.

"Members will especially enjoy these trees during the autumn months because they'll add abundant, vibrant color to any yard or landscape for years to come," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Nov. 1st and Dec. 10th. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Planting instructions will be enclosed with each shipment of trees.

To receive 10 free autumn classics, send a $10 membership contribution to Autumn Classics Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Oct. 31st or join online at *arborday.org/october*.

# Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale

The Evergreen Park Presbyterian Church at 89th & Francisco Ave. will hold a Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale on Saturday, Nov. 2nd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafts, vendors, baked goods, etc. will be sold. Gift baskets (including sports memorabilia, kids', gardening, cooking and more) will be raffled. The drawings will be held at 2 p.m. Winners need not be present. Lunch will be available at "Deacons' Diner". Any questions - call the church office at 708-423-0656.

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# Moraine Valley Announces Business Champion Award Winners

Moraine Valley Community College's Corporate, Community and Continuing Education subdivision has selected the winners of its 2013 Business Champion Awards, which recognize the valuable contributions businesses and their advocates make to the economic development of Chicago's southwest suburbs.

Awards are presented in six categories: Training and Development, Sustainability, Excellence in Government, Philanthropy, Entrepreneur/Small Business Person of the Year, and Women in Business Leadership Award.

The Training and Development Award will be presented to Priscilla Steinmetz, founder and executive director of the Bridge Teen Center in Orland Park. She is being recognized for the grass roots community center's work in training seventh through twelfth grade students to develop mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually in a safe environment. Steinmetz has dedicated her life to working with teens by transitioning a struggling youth program with less than 10 students into a multi-tiered operation serving the interests and needs of 400 suburban teens through after-school programs.

Phil Shea, vice president of sales at Prairie Material, will accept the Sustainability Award. Prairie Materials, located in Bridgeview, has established sustainable best practices, including operating several recycling centers that accept used and returned concrete, developing innovative concrete products that partially replace cement with industrial byproducts which prevents industrial waste from clogging landfills, reusing process water, controlling dust, and incorporating a company wide environmental management system to document best practices.

The Excellence in Government award will be presented to Daniel McLaughlin, mayor of Orland Park, for providing progress in the village economically, environmentally, culturally, socially and recreationally. Mayor McLaughlin has attracted a number of new businesses to the village, and created the Residential Rewards Program, Ninety7Fifty on the Park project, the Lasta of Orland, and many other events. Under his leadership, the village has grown and maintained its vitality and low crime rate.

This year the Philanthropy Award will be presented to William Keyser, owner of Florida Plastics/Keyser Retail Solutions, for a $1 million donation to Advocate Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn. The donation helped open a $3.5 million pediatric cancer center at Advocate Christ Medical Center. The Keyser Group is a family-owned business in Evergreen Park that offers expertise and products for local store marketing and merchandising solutions.

Marc Golden, owner of Golden Shoes in Palos Heights, will be presented with the Entrepreneur Small Business Person of the Year award for celebrating 50 years in business. The store's longevity speaks to his care, concern and business ethic of always making the customers feel important, and being sincere and devoted to them. He truly cares about his clientele.

The Women in Business Leadership Award will be presented to Andrea Ramirez-Justin, vice president of Old Plank Trail Community Bank. At the bank, she manages governmental and public entity relationships with the bank's community outreach services. Ramirez-Justin is involved in many civic and community activities, is the president of the Mokena Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Professional Women's Network, a member of the Illinois State Treasurer's Office's Banking advisory board, and serves on the Moraine Valley Foundation board. She also has received "The Business Ledger's" Entrepreneurial Excellence Award.

The awards will be presented at the 18th Annual Business Champion Awards dinner on Nov. 6th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Moraine Business and Conference Center, Building M, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. Tickets are $50 each or $380 for a table of eight.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (708) 974-5714 or email schrumpler@morainevalley.edu.

# *Particle Physics At Covington Elementary School*

**Many Oak Lawn-Hometown students are currently competing in a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) initiative from Northern Illinois University.**

**STEMfest is NIU's largest STEM outreach event, designed to showcase careers in STEM to young people across the state. Dr. Michael Kirby, a high energy particle physicist from Fermilab, answered questions for students completing research. Much of the information gathered and research students conducted was added to a video project for STEMfest on Oct. 19th. James Walsh, a 5th grader, and Technology Coach Miss Peggy Keiner Skype with Fermilab physicist Dr. Michael Kirby.**

**Students were extremely excited to speak with Dr. Kirby and thankful for the work of District 123 technology coach and STEM advocate Peg Keiner in securing the interview. Student topics ranged from time travel to paradoxes.**

**For more information on STEMfest, visit http://stemfest.niu.edu/stemfest/**

# Annual Fall Bazaar

The Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) of Hometown Christian Church, 4340 W. 87th St. in Chicago, will host their annual Fall Bazaar on Nov. 13th from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds from the bazaar support mission activities.

Start your Christmas shopping in the Gift Room, check out the table of White Elephants, and take home delicious homemade items from the Bakery Room. Follow up all that shopping with a hot lunch costing $7 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

# OAK LAWN POLICE CALLS

On Sept. 27, Lucinda Garza of Burbank was arrested for two counts of theft from Target on 95th Street, where she worked. It was reported that she allegedly took $150 on Sept. 19 and $120 on Sept. 27 with both incidents being recorded on Surveillance cameras. Store officials claimed she had a history of stealing money from cash registers and was suspected to have taken as much as $1,960 since July 2.

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On Sept. 28, Armando Martinez of Blue Island was charged with retail theft for allegedly taking numerous items worth $265 from K mart on 95th Street. It was reported that Martinez was accompanied by a woman who was not charged as he went through the store putting items of clothing and household goods in a cart and then walking out without paying for the items.

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On Sept. 28, Agustin Quintero of Chicago was arrested for driving on a suspended license, improper use of a registration and having no proof of insurance after a traffic stop at Kenton and Southwest Highway. Police reported that a license from another vehicle was on the van he was driving. He was also wanted on an active warrant out of DuPage County.

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On Sept. 29, Jonathon W. Mysiewicz of Oak Lawn was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, having no insurance, median violation, improper lane usage, weaving across lanes and driving without headlights after a traffic stop at 111th and Cicero. He registered at .174 BAC on a breathalyzer test.

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On Sept. 29, Sylvia K. Trammel of Rockford was arrested for driving on a suspended license and her passenger, Patricia K. Chatman of Philadelphia, was arrested for possession of less than 2.5 grains of marijuana. Police made a traffic stop as the vehicle Trammel was driving had been reported as stolen in Rockford by someone who had borrowed it from the owner. It was stated that the owner of the vehicle had asked Trammel to get the vehicle so that charge was dropped.

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On Sept. 29, Gregory A. Howard of Chicago was arrested for speeding and driving on a suspended license after a traffic stop at 101st and Cicero. He was driving at 55 mph in a 35 mph zone.

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On Sept. 30, Horatio Lagunas of Orland Park, Servando Hernandez-Sanchez of Dixmoor and Edgar Hernandez-Sanchez of Blue Island were arrested and charged with battery following what was called a "road-rage" incident. Witnesses reported seeing the men get out of a van at 87th and Ridgeland Avenue and beat up another motorist who pulled in front of their vehicle.

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For more information, please see the Village of Alsip web site
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 27, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 25, 2013, at The The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth herein, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1546 RIDGELAND AVENUE, OAK FOREST, IL 60452. Property Index No. 28-18-317-006.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arise prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and potential bidders no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER). YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file number 14-12-00363. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 630-794-5300 Attorney ARDC No. 00468001 Attorney Code 21762 Case Number: 12 CH 30097 TAKE NOTICE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 14-12-00363

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file number 14-12-00363. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 630-794-5300 Attorney ARDC No. 00468001 Attorney Code 21762 Case Number: 12 CH 30097 TAKE NOTICE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 14-12-00363

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, v. JANICE MALONE AKA JANICE M. MALONE; [illegible] Defendants 12 CH 30097 1546 RIDGELAND AVENUE OAK FOREST, IL 60452

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 27, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on November 25, 2013, at The The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth herein, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1546 RIDGELAND AVENUE, OAK FOREST, IL 60452. Property Index No. 28-18-317-006.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arise prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and potential bidders no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER). YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file number 14-12-00363. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 630-794-5300 Attorney ARDC No. 00468001 Attorney Code 21762 Case Number: 12 CH 30097 TAKE NOTICE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 14-12-00363

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, v. [illegible] Defendants 12 CH 30097 [illegible] CHICAGO, IL 60609

NOTICE OF SALE

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The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arise prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and potential bidders no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-5300. Please refer to file number 14-12-00363. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 630-794-5300 Attorney ARDC No. 00468001 Attorney Code 21762 Case Number: 12 CH 30097 TAKE NOTICE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 14-12-00363

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-OC10, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OC10 Plaintiff, v. [illegible] Defendants 12 CH 30097 [illegible] CHICAGO, IL 60629

NOTICE OF SALE

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The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arise prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and potential bidders no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602. Please refer to file number PA1100159. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, P.C. One North Dearborn, Suite 1300 CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-1500 Attorney ARDC No. 00468001 Attorney Code 21762 Case Number: 12 CH 30097 TAKE NOTICE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 14-12-00363

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, v. SAMANTHA THOMPSON AKA SAMANTHA THOMPSON AKA SAMANTHA MITCHELL-TON AKA SAMANTHA THOMPSON; VILLAGE GREENE PHASE II CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 12 CH 30097 [illegible] CHICAGO, IL 60637

NOTICE OF SALE

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The real estate is improved with a condominium residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arise prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, v. ALBERTO PEREZ; ESTELA PEREZ Defendants 12 CH 30097 [illegible] CHICAGO, IL 60608

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, v. [illegible] Defendants 12 CH 30097 [illegible] CHICAGO, IL 60636

NOTICE OF SALE

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The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/wire transfer is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arise prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: KAHANDI & ASHEWI, A ASSOCIATES, LLC, 20 N Wacker Drive, Suite 2100, Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 371-[illegible] Please refer to file number [illegible] THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. KAHANDI & ASHEWI, A ASSOCIATES, LLC 20 N Wacker Drive, Suite 2100, Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 371-[illegible] Attorney File No. [illegible] Attorney ARDC No. [illegible] Attorney Code [illegible] Case Number: 12 CH 30097 TAKE NOTICE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. [illegible]

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, v. ALBERTO PEREZ; ESTELA PEREZ Defendants 12 CH 30097 [illegible] CHICAGO, IL 60608

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff, v. [illegible] Defendants 12 CH 30097 [illegible] CHICAGO, IL 60636

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The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and potential bidders no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER). YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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# Southwest Area Obituaries

### Grace Aggen

Services were held at the Krueger Funeral Home, Blue Island, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Grace "Babe" Aggen, 82, of Blue Island, the former owner and operator of Babe's Farmhouse Inn

She is survived by her husband Harry, her son Victor (Tammy) and two grandchildren

### Robert B. Baker

Mass was said at St Michael's Church, Orland Park, on Friday, with a private interment, for Robert B Baker, 68 He was a computer analyst

He is survived by his wife Kathleen M, his daughter Melanie Violetto and two grandchildren

### Marilyn J. Butts

Services were held at the Chapel Hills Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn on Thursday, October 17, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery for Marilyn J Butts, 76

She is survived by her husband Walter, her children Jeffery and Dennis and two grandchildren

### Nancy R. Canavan

Mass was said at St Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Thursday, with a private cremation, for Nancy R Canavan

She is survived by her children Russell (Betty) Eberhardt, Michael Eberhardt, Noreen Canavan and Jerry (Sue) Canavan, three grandchildren and her sisters Claire Davis and Kay (Mark) Tuttle

### Florence A. Coltman

A Memorial Mass will be said on Saturday, October 26th at St Christopher Church, 147th and Keeler, at 11 a m with interment at Holy Sepulchre, for Florence A Coltman, 95, late of Midlothian She worked at St Christopher Rectory and was a member of the St Christopher Rosary Altar Society and the St Christopher Choir She was the wife of the late George

She is survived by her children Jeanne (Frank) Baniewicz, Carol (Bernard) Sullivan, Eileen (Robert) Burnson, Patricia (William) Wojcik, George (Linda) Coltman and William (Deborah) Coltman, twenty-one grandchildren and forty-two great-grandchildren.

### Bernice Dambrauskas

Mass was said at Most Holy Redeemer Parish, Evergreen Park, on Friday, with interment at St Casmir Catholic Cemetery, for Bernice Dambrauskas, 92, of Roscoe, formerly of Evergreen Park She was the wife of the late Thomas

She is survived by her children Shirley Chapps, Patricia Bellinghiere and Deborah Petersen, and many grand, great-grand and great-great-grandchildren

### DeLores Karge

Services were held at the Sheehy Funeral Home, Burbank, on Thursday, October 17 with a private interment, for DeLores "De" Karge of Cape Coral, Fl and Burbank She was 78

She is survived by her husband James, her children Karen (Jeffrey) Bartels, Kenneth Karge, Kristine (Steve) Sanfratello, Kory (Cheryl) Karge and Kimberly (Rick) Dyson, eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and her brothers Douglas (Emma Ray) and Bruce (Tammy) Orel

### Harriet Konig

Services were held in Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Harriet Konig, of Tinley Park She was 93 She was the wife of the late Clarence.

She is survived by her children Anjean Hoogstraten, Andrew (Joan) Konig, Jacklyn (Tom) Sharkey, ten grandchildren, twenty-four great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren

### Martha M. Mesmer

Services were held at the St Stephen Lutheran Church, Midlothian, on Friday, with interment in First Lutheran Cemetery, for Martha M Mesmer, late of Midlothian She was 67

She is survived by her children Christopher (Laura) Mesmer, Kimberly Baumgartner and Amy Mesmer, five grandchildren and her siblings Bert, Barry and Mary

### Anthony G. Nakvosas Sr.

Mass was said at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, on Thursday, with interment at St Casimir Lithuanian Cemetery, for Anthony G Nakvosas Sr He was an MP Army Veteran. He was the husband of the late Margaret

He is survived by his children Susan Hoffman, Anthony Jr (Dianne) and Gregory (Ginger), nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren

### James Summers

Services were held at the Lack and Sons Funeral Home, on Thursday, October 17th, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for James "Stick" Summers, 48

He is survived by his mother Lillian and his brother Michael

### Eugene Szydelko

Mass was said at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, on Wednesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Eugene Szydelko, 82. He was the husband of the late Marian

He is survived by his son Michael (Teresa), five grandchildren and his sister Helen (Bill) Young

### Caroline Vaclav

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Monday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Caroline Vaclav, 73, of Manteno. She was the wife of the late Daniel She was the president of Daniels Printing and Office Supply in Oak Forest. She was a member of the American Business Women's Association since 1981 and many other local organizations.

She is survived by her children Daniel (Pamela) Vaclav, Jr and David (Doris) Vaclav, three grandchildren and her sister Joan Sula

Donations in honor of Caroline Vaclav can be made to the Stephen Button Memorial Education Fund and mailed to AJ Smith Federal Savings, Attn: Jo Anne Cano, 14757 S Cicero Ave, Midlothian, Il 60445

### Elaine Wasielewski

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, on Friday, with a private interment, for Elaine "Pat" Wasielewski, 88 She was the wife of the late Raymond J. She was a long-time resident of Worth

She is survived by her children Darlene (Robert) Galgan, Elaine Montgomery, and Ronald (Nancy), six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and her brothers Ed and John Bucz.

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# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

National Guard Pvt. Mike J. Brace has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia. Brace is the brother of Matt and Emily Brace of Palos Heights. He is a 2008 graduate of Alan B. Shepard High School in Palos Heights.

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American Legion Palos Memorial Post 1998 will be holding a membership drive during the months of October and November. The Post meets the first Monday of every month at American Legion Hall, 11001 S. Depot in Worth. For more information, contact Mike Lullo, Sr. Vice Commander, at (708) 921-5833 or mikelul@comcast.net.

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The Veterans Writing Group at Governors State University (1 University Parkway, University Park) will host a reception and oral reading on Nov. 5th from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in L Lounge on the GSU campus. The reception and presentations are free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome.

Veterans representing every U.S. war since World War II will share their personal narratives, short stories and reflections. A question and answer period will follow. The reception is sponsored by the Intellectual Life Committee and supported by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences. For more information, contact the Writing Group Coordinator, Robin Thompson, at rthompson@gsu.edu or (708) 534-4581.

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To make sure those serving in the nation's armed forces receive their presents and care packages in time for the holidays the U.S. Postal Service recommends early mailing.

Helping to get packages on their way, the Postal Service offers a discount on its largest Priority Mail Flat Rate box at $14.85. The price includes a $2 per box discount for military mail being sent to APO/FPO/DPO (Air Army Post Office, Fleet Post Office, Diplomatic Post Office) destinations worldwide.

In addition to a lower cost per package customers can be assured that shipping with the Postal Service provides reliable, trusted and secure delivery to military personnel stationed anywhere in the world.

Priority Mail Flat Rate Boxes are available at no cost at local Post Offices, or can be ordered online at shop.usps.com. Postage, labels and customs forms can be printed online anytime using Click-N-Ship.

To ensure timely delivery of holiday wishes by Dec. 25th, send cards and packages to military APO/FPO/DPO addresses overseas by Standard Post no later than Nov. 12th, Space Available Mail (SAM), Nov. 26th, Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL) Dec. 3rd, Priority Mail, Dec. 10th (Dec. 3rd for APO/FPO AE Zip 093), Priority Mail Express Military Service (PMEMS) Dec. 17, except APO/FPO Zip 093 N/A.

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St. Linus School (10400 Lawler in Oak Lawn) will hold its ninth annual "Veterans Day Celebration" in the church at 9:15 a.m. to be followed by a light reception in the Cardinal Center. Any veteran who is a neighbor, friend or family member of a St. Linus parishioner/school student is welcome. All family members are also invited. If you do not have a child in school, you may pick up a registration form at the rectory or on line at "Green Envelope," or for more information, call Dr. Stritch at (708) 425-1656. If you have any souvenirs you would like to display at the ceremony, contact Mrs. Delisi at (708) 425-1656.

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American Legion Evergreen Park Post 854 and its Ladies Auxiliary will host a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 8th from 5 to 8 p.m. at the post, 9701 Kedzie Ave. in Evergreen Park. Tickets are $7 in advance and can be purchased at the Post bar or $8 at the door.

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The City of Palos Hills will hold its Veterans Day Celebration on Nov. 11th at 6 p.m. at the Town Square Park's Veteran Memorial, 8455 W. 103rd St. There will be "Toys for Tots" donation boxes at this event, so help make the holidays better for those in need. For more information, contact the Palos Hills Resource and Recreation Department at (708) 430-4500 or email recreation@paloshillsweb.org.

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**Quote of the Week:** The only way to keep your health is **to eat what you don't** want, drink what you don't like, and **do what you'd rather** not. Mark Twain

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**Good-bye until next time.** God bless you and your family **and God bless American** and our Troops.

# *Golf Outing A Great Success*

**The Crisis Center for South Suburbia's 2013 Dianne Masters Cup Golf Outing was a tremendous success, raising more than $34,000 to benefit the Crisis Center. The title sponsor for the event was Four Seasons Heating & Air Conditioning and a sold out crowd of 156 golfers attended the event in support of victims of domestic violence. "We are touched by the generosity of our participants, sponsors, vendors, committee members, and volunteers," commented Chris Beele, Special Events Coordinator for the Crisis Center. He went on to say, "It was a gorgeous day and the guests enjoyed everything from the challenging contest holes and prizes to the delicious dinner served in Silver Lake Country Club's clubhouse; overall it was a terrific event."**

**The Dianne Masters Cup is named in honor and memory of the late Dianne Masters, who founded the organization in 1979. The Crisis Center for South Suburbia's mission is to provide emergency shelter and other essential services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence and address the societal issues that contribute to domestic violence.**

**Visit www.crisisctr.org for more information on the Crisis Center for South Suburbia.**

# Password: Purple Unlocking Doors. Saving Lives

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Crisis Center for South Suburbia (CSS) is hosting a free concert on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Durbin's of Tinley Park, 17265 Oak Park Ave. The Password: Purple campaign will draw attention to the issues of domestic violence and the resources and services available to the community through CSS.

The free concert will feature The Ponyboys and also includes a candle lighting ceremony and vigil. The vigil pays tribute to survivors of domestic violence and honors those who have lost their lives to abuse. All community residents are invited to attend the free event. For more information contact Kerri at (708) 429-7255, ext. 126, or at kerri@crisisctr.org.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month which evolved from the "Day of Unity" that started in October 1981. The idea was conceived by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, with an intent to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The activities conducted were as varied and diverse as the program sponsors but had common themes: mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence. In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. The tradition continues today as we honor, remember and come together to serve those in need.

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia's mission is to provide emergency shelter and other essential services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence and address the societal issues that contribute to domestic violence. Visit www.crisisctr.org for more information on the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, ways to support its mission, and the services it provides.

# $1 Million In Grants

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White announced on Oct. 15th that more than $1 million in Innovative Library E-Book and Collection Development Grants have been awarded to the three library systems in Illinois.

The grants totaling $1,[illegible] will fund two pilot programs aimed at increasing the availability of reading materials for Illinois residents. At the Illinois Library Association conference in Chicago, White presented a ceremonial shared check of $[illegible] to the Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS) and the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) for use over a two-year period to build a sustainable e-book service for their member libraries. The Chicago Public Library (CPL) received a ceremonial check for $[illegible] for a two-year Patron-Driven Acquisitions (PDA) pilot program.

"I am always pursuing ways in which we can use technology to enhance the experiences of our library patrons," said White. "These important grants will provide Illinois' three library systems with the resources they need to fund these innovative projects. Libraries are cornerstones of the community and these pilots programs will ensure that information is accessible to Illinoisans."

Chicago Public Library Commissioner Brian Bannon, IHLS Executive Director Leslie Bednar, RAILS Board President Kathy Parker and Executive Director Deirdre Brennan were on hand to accept the checks.

The e-book pilot seeks to build an affordable and sustainable e-book service for patrons. Through the pilot more than [illegible] IHLS and RAILS member libraries will be able to participate and make e-book services available to their patrons. The grant funding will decrease participation fees for libraries and provide support and training for libraries that choose to make available e-book collections.

The PDA pilot will allow CPL patrons to request newer hard-copy books and other materials the library does not own. Once an item is requested, a purchase is activated and the title is delivered by the vendor, drawing the purchase price from the funding pool. The patron is notified when the item is available.

Funding for the pilot programs was provided by Secretary of State Illinois State Library state grant funds appropriated by the General Assembly to support library services in Illinois.


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## *Dream Comes True For Oak Lawn Resident*

**Winning the lottery is a dream come true – literally – for Abeer Asfour (pictured). "I've been having a recurring dream that I won the lottery, and my dream came true!" Asfour said after matching all five numbers – 08 – 09 – 15 – 18 – 24 – to win $500,000 in the October 4th Lucky Day Lotto midday drawing.**

**Asfour, an Oak Lawn resident for 20 years, is married with four children. She and her husband plan to invest the windfall for their children. "We will also donate to our church and we might buy a new car." When asked if she had any advice for other lottery players, Asfour said, "If you have a dream that you won the lottery, you should buy a ticket!"**

**An occasional lottery player, Asfour said she buys a Lucky Day Lotto ticket once or twice a month. She purchased her winning Quick Pick ticket at Hani's Liquor Station, 2601 West 51st Street in Chicago. The retailer received a $5,000 bonus, equal to 1 percent of the prize amount, for selling the winning ticket.**

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## *Oak Lawn Park District Earns National Accreditation*

**The Oak Lawn Park District maintained its position in the ranks of elite park and recreation agencies and departments across the country by earning accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). This distinguished accomplishment was awarded during the 2013 NRPA Congress and Exposition, held earlier this month in Houston, Texas.**

**CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for park and recreation agencies, and is a measure of an agency's overall quality of operation, management and service to the community. This mark of distinction indicates that an agency has met rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services.**

**As part of the accreditation process, the Oak Lawn Park District had to demonstrate compliance with 144 recognized standards and document all policies and procedures. Often the process helps identify efficiencies and heighten areas of accountability, all of which translate into higher quality service and operation to benefit the community.**

**The process for accreditation involves self-assessments, a formal application, a site visit by a team of trained visitors that results in a written report, and a hearing with the commission to grant accreditation. Once accredited, the agency must uphold the standards and is reviewed again in five years.**

**In 2008, The Oak Lawn Park District became the first agency in the State of Illinois to earn both National and State Accreditations. With our re-accreditation being announced this week, we remain one of only five agencies in the State of Illinois to be recognized on the national level.**

**For more information about CAPRA accreditation, visit www.nrpa.org/CAPRA.**

## New & Prospective Member Breakfast

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a New & Prospective Member Breakfast hosted by Jason's Deli on Wednesday, Nov. 13th at 8 a.m. Now more than ever, local businesses need the support of one another. Join in for an opportunity to network with current, new and prospective members as well as hear a brief overview of the benefits of becoming a Chamber member.

This event is FREE for prospective and 2013 new members. A $5 donation from current members is appreciated. Join in for a chance to win a $10 Jason's Deli gift card. Kindly RSVP to the Chamber office at (708) 424-8300 or email office@oaklawnchamber.com

Founded in 1946, today the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce consists of more than 300 members. The Chamber of Commerce works to represent and advance the Oak Lawn business community, striving with constant integrity, fairness and cooperation to promote and improve the economic atmosphere, business climate and image of Oak Lawn.

Learn more about the Chamber at www.oaklawnchamber.com

## Chamber Of Commerce Monthly Luncheon

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will host its monthly luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 12th at the Hilton Oak Lawn.

Registration and networking begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by noon lunch.

They will welcome Oak Lawn Police Chief Michael Murray as guest speaker.

Chief Murray will be giving a presentation on "Keeping your Business Safe".

This is a good opportunity for networking and meeting other businesses in and around Oak Lawn.

Come out and join in. All events are open to members and business owners. Contact the Chamber office at (708) 424-8300 or email office@oaklawnchamber.com to reserve your spot.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 1 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 12:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2 – Saturday – District II "Trustee Is In" Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon

NOVEMBER 4 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 4 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 5 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 6 – Wednesday – Appeals Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 7 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 7 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center Auditorium, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 11 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 12 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

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# Garry McCarthy To Speak At SXU Breakfast With The Experts

Chicago Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy (pictured) will kick off the 2013 Breakfast with the Experts speaker and networking series on Tuesday, Nov. 12th at Saint Xavier University. The event, jointly sponsored by Saint Xavier University (SXU) and the Beverly Area Planning Association (BAPA), begins at 7:30 a.m. with a networking breakfast followed by the 8 a.m. keynote address. It will be held in the Butler Reception Room, located in the Warde Academic Center at SXU's Chicago campus, 3700 W. 103rd St. Registration is $15 for the public and $10 for BAPA Members. Space is limited and reservations are required.

Gun violence is a huge issue in most big cities, but Chicago reached 507 homicides in 2012 and garnered national coverage with the deaths of Hadiya Pendleton and six-month old baby Jonylah Watkins. Although the city has experienced 29 percent fewer homicides than last year and has the strictest gun laws in the nation, gun violence in Chicago remains an issue. McCarthy will address these crime statistics and the strategies he has implemented since taking the helm as Chicago's top cop. SXU and the Beverly Area Planning Association are pleased to provide a forum that addresses these important issues.

Superintendent McCarthy is the son of a New York City (NYC) detective and his mother was a nurse. He became a cop in 1981 and rose through the ranks from a sergeant, lieutenant, and captain to the deputy commissioner of operations by 1997, the principal crime strategist for the entire department. During his seven years in that position, NYC saw a significant decline in the homicide rate. That steady decline culminated in 2005 with its lowest murder rate since 1963. He gained experience addressing crime statistics when he oversaw NYC's famed CompStat program, which is credited with lowering homicide rates there. When he worked as the Newark Chief of Police in 2006, Newark's murder rate fell by more than 9 percent in his first year on the job. Along with this reduction, the Newark Police Department experienced additional improvements in efficiency and professionalism including a 17 percent increase in arrests since 2006.

SXU's Breakfast with the Experts speaker series brings notable business, community and civic leaders together to share insights, experience and industry knowledge with area business people. To suggest a speaker or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, please call (773) 298-3748 or email to specialevents@sxu.edu. To secure your reservation, please register online at BAPA's website or by phone at (773) 233-3100.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Crestwood Plan Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, November 25, 2013 at 8:00 P.M. in the Crestwood Village Hall, 13840 S. Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, IL upon the "Request for Special Use" filed by Charles Iglinski, Jr. 3543 West 116th Place Chicago, IL 60655 seeking a special use to permit a tattoo and body piercing shop on the property commonly known as 12740 Cal Sag Rd, Crestwood, IL 60445 and legally described as

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At which time and place, interested persons may attend and will be afforded an opportunity to be heard during the Plan Commission's deliberations and considerations relating to the Plan Commission's proposed recommendation and advise to the Village Board as to the formal action to be taken upon the subject request for special use.

In addition, the Plan Commission will consider written comments pertaining to the subject "Special Use Request" which comments may be submitted at the Public Hearing of November 25, 2013 at 8:00 P.M. or submitted to the Crestwood Plan Commission by delivery to the office of the Village Clerk, directed to the Plan Commission, prior to the date and time of this Public Hearing.

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# Swallow Cliff Chapter, NSDAR Celebrates 32nd Anniversary

**Swallow Cliff Chapter, NSDAR celebrated its 32nd anniversary of organization at its October luncheon at Beggars Pizza, Oak Forest. Three of the original organizing members were present: Marilyn Earnest, Nancy Hamrick, and Ann Carlson. It was also the occasion for the installation of its newest member, Rebecca Webster.**

**The guest speaker was Oak Lawn resident Gloria Flathom, the District IV Director. She is a life member of DAR and has been active in this organization for the past 20 years. Within the Swallow Cliff chapter, she is an honorary past regent and is the current registrar. At the state level, she has been on the state board of management, has had six state chairmanships, and just completed a 2-year term as recording secretary and editor of the Biennial Proceedings. Gloria's presentation was entitled, "Who Do You Think You Are?" She shared stories about the sacrifices of lives and fortunes that our patriot ancestors, men and women, made for the principles on which the United States was founded. Gloria related facts about the creation of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the building of the national headquarters in Washington, D. C. A poem that Gloria shared by Delia M. Cumming, called "We Are the Chosen," resonated with all those present. It reminded everyone that "...doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, Breathing life into all who have gone before," and that "In finding them, we somehow find ourselves." Being a member of DAR is a unique opportunity to do just that.**

**Swallow Cliff organizing members present at the luncheon were (left to right) Marilyn Earnest, Nancy Hamrick, and Ann Carlson.**

# Federal Government Cuts Funding For Food Assistance Program

Participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will see a reduction in benefits due to the expiration of the temporary increase put in place by the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

On Nov. 1st, most families will see their benefits decrease due to the end of the extra benefits provided by the 2009 law. IDHS informed SNAP recipients of the changes by distributing flyers at local offices and placing notices on its automated helpline, website and social media pages. Recipients can get the amount of their benefits by calling the number on the back of their Illinois Link card or the IDHS automated helpline at (800) 843-6154

The amount of SNAP benefits each eligible household receives depends on several factors, such as income, household size and expenses. For example, on Nov. 1st, a family of four with no change in circumstances will see a decrease in their monthly benefits of $36

SNAP Maximum Monthly Benefit Changes

| Household Size | Difference |
|---|---|
| 1 | $11 |
| 2 | $20 |
| 3 | $29 |
| 4 | $36 |

In Illinois, more than two million people currently participate in the SNAP program, which is managed and funded by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the United States Department of Agriculture and administered by IDHS

For more information about IDHS programs, visit www.dhs.state.il.us or call (800) 843-6154

# Application Deadline Nears For Blue Island Veterans Day Parade

The deadline for submitting entries for the Fifth Annual Blue Island Veterans Day Parade is Friday, Nov. 1st. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 9th

Applications are available at City Hall, 13051 Greenwood Ave., and Memorial Park, 12800 Highland Ave., both in Blue Island. Applications are also available by phone at 708-774-4627 or via e-mail at

The parade, themed "Welcome Home," is being sponsored by American Legion Post 80, the City of Blue Island, the Blue Island Park District and MetroSouth Medical Center. The parade will begin at 11 a.m. at Hart Park at 123rd and Western, proceed south on Western to Union St., west on Union to Highland Ave., and north on Highland to Memorial Park at 128th St. A classic car show and military vehicle exhibit will take place at the park immediately after the parade. Refreshments and entertainment will also be available at the park

Last year's parade drew more than 90 entries and is viewable on YouTube under "Blue Island Veterans Day Parade 2012." Its success led the Veterans Day National Committee to name Blue Island as one of only two regional sites in Illinois for the celebration of Veterans Day 2013

The committee, comprised of various national veterans and military organizations, selects a number of regional sites for Veterans Day observances throughout the country. From stirring parades and ceremonies, to military exhibits and tributes to distinguished veterans, these events serve as models for other communities to follow in planning their own observances

In addition to the parade, Post 80 will conduct its annual Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11th at Veterans Plaza, Western Ave. at Grove St., Blue Island. The public is invited to attend

For further details, call Jim Reihel at 708-774-4627 or John Allen at 708-597-2744

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# Revise American Community Survey Release Dates

Due to the recent Lapse in federal funding, the American Community Survey (ACS) release schedule has been revised

The 2010-2013 American Community Survey 3-year and the 2012 American Community Survey 1-year Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) file are now scheduled to be released on Nov. 14th.

The 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-year is now scheduled to be released on Dec. 17th

For more information on the updated release schedule, visit 2012 American Community Survey Release Schedule

The American Community Survey provides a wide range of important statistics about all communities in the country. The American Community Survey gives communities the current information they need to plan investments and services. Retailers, homebuilders, police departments, and town and city planners are among the many private- and public-sector decision makers who count on these annual results

If you have questions about this survey, call the Customer Services Center at (800) 923-8282

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# EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

## *Governor Announces $5 Million For Construction Projects In Cook County*

Governor Pat Quinn has announced capital investments of nearly $5 million for construction projects in Cook County. The projects are part of Governor Quinn's agenda to create jobs and drive Illinois' economy forward.

"These construction projects will improve transportation safety and efficiency in Cook County, and also employ a number of construction workers, which will help the local economy," Governor Quinn said.

The projects will be managed by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

**Chicago**

Materials to relocate the existing water main feeder line into the Cermak Avenue water pumping station will be provided for $1,261,462 by Berger Excavating Contractors, Inc. of Wauconda, the lowest of two bidders.

The Veatha Construction Co., Inc. of Streamwood was the lowest of six bidders at $488,533.25 for the rehabilitation of a bridge carrying southbound Illinois Route 43 over the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Railroad.

**Hickory Hills**

A concrete sidewalk will be constructed on 91st Street from 88th Avenue to Jonathan Drive. The work will include sidewalk construction, curb and gutter repair, pavement patching, driveway replacement, landscaping and other incidental items. Davis Concrete Construction Company of Alsip was the lowest of 12 bidders at $213,291.

**Palatine**

Traffic signal modernization along U.S. Route 14 from Smith Road to Palatine Road in Palatine will be completed for $497,592 by Home Towne Electric, Inc. of Lake Villa, the lowest of three bidders.

**Rolling Meadows**

Commuter Drive will be reconstructed, a pedestrian path will be constructed and a culvert extended to accommodate the pedestrian path, starting east of Rohlwing Road to the Arlington Park Metra Station. Pirlano Construction Company, Inc. of Addison, the lowest of eight bidders will complete the work for $1,574,129.

**South Holland**

Vincennes Road from U.S. Route 6 to Old Vincennes Road will be repaved and sidewalks, detectable warnings and pavement markings added for $173,477. Gallagher Asphalt Corporation of Thornton was the lowest of four bidders.

154th Street from 9th Avenue to State Street will be resurfaced along with curb and gutter repair and the installation of pavement markings and pedestrian signals. K-Five Construction Corporation of Lemont was the lowest of three bidders at $218,005.

Cottage Grove Avenue from U.S. Route 6 to 154th Street will be resurfaced and curb and gutter repair performed. D Construction, Inc. of Coal City, the lowest of three bidders, will complete the project for $592,146.

These projects are part of Governor Quinn's $31 billion Illinois Jobs Now! program, which will support more than 439,000 jobs over six years. Illinois Jobs Now! is the largest capital construction program in Illinois history, and is one of the largest capital construction programs in the nation.

## *Lipinski Accepting Service Academy Applications*

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) is currently accepting nomination request letters from young persons in the 3rd Congressional District to the U.S. Service Academies for the classes entering in the summer of 2014.

The service academies include:

- Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
- West Point Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
- Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y.

Coast Guard Academy admissions are based on a nationwide competition with no Congressional nominations.

Potential candidates must have reached their 17th birthday and not passed their 23rd birthday on July 1 of the year they would enter the academy, be a United States citizen, have graduated from high school, be unmarried, have taken the ACT and or SAT, and meet the stringent entrance requirements of their preferred academy.

The selection of nominees is based upon a "whole person" evaluation. Although nominations will not be made until January, all interested persons are encouraged to submit their written requests as soon as possible. The deadline for completed files is Dec. 2, 2013. Nomination requests can be submitted to Joe Bonomo in Rep. Lipinski's Chicago office at 6245 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, Ill., 60638. The phone number is (312) 886-0488.

## *"Get Covered Illinois" Enrollment Event*

State Senator Michael Hastings is hosting "Get Covered Illinois", an event to provide information and generate awareness about the new health insurance marketplace. Illinois' marketplace or "exchange," is named Get Covered Illinois and is a new option under the Affordable Care Act that will make comparing, selecting and enrolling in health coverage easier.

The event will be from 7 to 9 p.m., Monday, Nov. 18 at the South Suburban College-Oak Forest Campus, 16333 Kilbourne Ave. in Oak Forest. Staff will be available at the event to answer questions about the marketplace and assist residents with navigating the "Get Covered Illinois" website.

About 1.8 million Illinoisans, or 15 percent of the population, are uninsured. An estimated 1 million Illinoisans who currently have no health insurance will be able to be covered for the first time either through the marketplace or through an accompanying Medicaid expansion.

Coverage begins Jan. 1 for people who sign up by Dec. 15 through the exchange. After that, they can still enroll through the end of March to avoid penalties for 2014.

## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford sent All Points the following response when questioned about the state's pension reform progress.

"I am disappointed that the first week of the fall veto session has ended without the Governor and members of the General Assembly making any progress on the most significant financial issue plaguing Illinois: pension reform," said Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford. "While some legislative leaders may not believe the $100 billion dollar unfunded pension liability is a crisis, I absolutely do. I hope this crisis can be resolved in November when lawmakers return for the final week of the fall veto session. It is time for the Governor and the General Assembly to work together for the financial well-being of our state."

The veto session reconvenes Nov. 5th-7th.

Comcast Corporation, the global media and technology company whose businesses include Comcast Cable and NBC Universal, hosted an open house and job fair for military veterans Oct. 28th in Oak Brook. At the open house, Comcast provided veterans information about career opportunities with the company and positions that were currently available.

Comcast is a participant in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's "Hiring Our Heroes" program and in 2011 committed to hiring 1,000 veterans by 2015. Comcast hired 1,000 veterans by 2013, achieving its goal two years early. Subsequently, Comcast committed to hiring another 1,000 by 2015. To this end, Comcast is hosting open houses in locations across the country, in addition to the Chicago area event in Oak Brook.

For information about this initiative, email emily_avila@cable.comcast.com or visit www.comcast-jobs.com/military or call (215)-498-9389. Comcast boasts more than 7,000 local employees.

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U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) has declared his support for the outline of a proposed agreement announced by Senate leaders to reopen the government, raise the debt ceiling, and begin negotiations on a long-term budget agreement. The proposal would fund the government through Jan. 15, raise the debt limit until at least Feb. 7, start a formal conference committee to work out a budget agreement by Dec. 15, and institute additional verification requirements to guarantee that people receiving federal subsidies to purchase health insurance under Obamacare meet eligibility rules.

"The proposal that has been announced is not perfect, but it is a commonsense solution that not only ends the shutdown and keeps the country solvent by raising the debt ceiling, but starts a process and sets a deadline for a long-term budget agreement while making a sensible change in Obamacare to diminish fraud," Rep. Lipinski said. "Since the shutdown started, I met daily with a bipartisan group of House members to develop a compromise to end this crisis. The plan we came up with eventually led to this agreement."

"This bipartisan proposal offers the most credible and workable solution to this crisis which is threatening our fragile economy. Americans are understandably angry and frustrated at Washington. So am I. The bickering must end and we must do what is right for the American people: reach a long-term debt reduction agreement and help get people back to work."

The premise of the agreement required the House and Senate to immediately form a conference committee and report out a budget agreement for FY14 and beyond by mid-December. This would mark the first time in four years that a conference committee reached an agreement on a budget resolution. The hope is that these negotiations will lead to an agreement that ends the sequester and develops a sensible long-term debt reduction plan.

The shutdown has cost the U.S. economy an estimated $300 million a day and denied millions of Americans access to federal services and resources. Important medical research and inspections programs critical to public safety have ground to a halt. The potential for a severe reaction by the global financial markets, threatens to throw the country into another recession if concrete measures are not put into place.

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CNB Bank & Trust, N.A., has announced plans to open a new, full-service banking center at 12727 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights in late 2013. CNB Bank & Trust also has a present banking center in Oak Forest at 5459 W. 159th St.

According to Regional President of CNB Andrew Tinberg, Palos Heights longtime mayor Bob Straz has been hired as Market President, to manage the Palos Heights facility. Straz noted that "over the past year it has become clear that the Palos area consumer continues to demand a true community bank presence and we are excited about delivering just that!"

Bob Straz brings years of banking experience in the area. His additional civic commitments to the Palos area include his involvement in the Rotary, Sertoma Centre, and Saint Alexander Parish.

CNB Bank & Trust has 12 locations to serve its customers statewide. They offer a wide variety of traditional banking services including numerous deposit accounts, along with commercial and consumer loans.

CNB Bank & Trust is a member of the FDIC and notes the distinction of being Illinois' Oldest Bank, established in 1854. For more information about CNB see their website at www.cnbil.com, or call their Oak Forest facility at (708) 535-8905. Ask for Bob Straz.

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Another banking note: Oak Lawn Bank & Trust (a Wintrust Community Bank) broke ground for their new facility last Tuesday, Oct. 22nd, at 5300 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn. Oak Lawn Bank & Trust is a branch of Beverly Bank & Trust, N.A., a southside mainstay for several decades. Look for more news about this location in the days ahead.

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The Calumet Township Democratic Organization is honoring 28th District State Representative Robert A. Rita with a breakfast this Saturday, Nov. 2nd, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Palos Country Club, 13100 Southwest Highway in Orland Park.

For more information call (708) 385-9387.

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The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce has announced that their second Annual Open House will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 6th at their Oak Lawn Metra Patriot Station location at 5120 Museum Drive in Oak Lawn (on 95th Street). For more information call (708) 424-8300 or visit office@oaklawnchamber.com or www.oaklawnchamber.com.

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St. Albert the Great Parish in Burbank has announced a Tribute Night of Entertainment to be held Saturday, Nov. 9th at 7 p.m. in Rogers Hall (church basement), located at 5555 W. State Road in Burbank. Tickets are $25 in advance; $30 at the door. VIP seating is $35. Entertainers include: Rick "Elvis" Saucedo, Nick "Ritchie Valens" Gutierrez, and Nick "Tom Jones" Miller. Doors open at 6 p.m. For those 18 and over only. Seating is first come, first served. Refreshments and food are available for purchase. For advance tickets contact Brenda Klamerus at (708) 670-0075. Proceeds to benefit St. Albert the Great School.

# Culinary Students Face Off In Together We Cope 'Food Pantry Challenge'

Food pantry clients undoubtedly are grateful for the groceries they receive. But they can also face a challenge with foods they might not have bought for themselves, like canned clams or dried pinto beans.

What could be more challenging than feeding your family well with items you haven't chosen but must use?

Together We Cope, a nonprofit based in Tinley Park that assists families in crisis from 22 south suburban communities, is challenging culinary students at Robert Morris University to see who can create the best meals using only groceries clients typically receive at TWC's pantry. The Food Pantry Challenge, a cook-off that will be judged by professional chefs from southwest suburban restaurants, is Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at RMU's campus, 43 Orland Square, Orland Park.

The ultimate winners of the competition will be the agency's food pantry clients, said Kathryn Strauss, TWC's executive director. "Our goal with this event is to generate recipes for our clients to help them make the most of food they get, and we're delighted that RMU students are up to the challenge," she said.

RMU Chef Mark Wroczynski said, "This is a terrific event for all of our creative students who are looking to make a difference."

Up to 10 teams of two to three culinary students each will pick up groceries designed for a family of eight at TWC's food pantry, 17010 S. Oak Park Ave., the day before the Saturday cook-off. Teams will receive several pre-packed bags of staples and will have just a few minutes to choose produce, dairy products and meat — just the way clients do when they come to TWC's food pantry. Both the bowl and the pantry visit will closely mirror the clients' typical experience.

At 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 23, student teams will head to the demonstration kitchen at RMU's Orland Park campus, where they will have about four hours to come up with several family-style dishes suitable for an evening meal. At 1 p.m. the professional chefs will award a Grand Prize with points for creating dishes that can be made in 30 minutes or less, that generate leftovers for subsequent meals, which will appeal to children, and for making dishes that taste good and are nutritious.

Another prize, the Good Home Cooking Award, will go to the team selected by longtime TWC volunteers John and Pat Slack. Additionally, members of the media covering the event are invited to sample the student dishes and vote for a team to receive the Media Award.

Recipes generated by the students will be distributed to TWC's food pantry clients after the event and also will be available on the agency's website, www.together-we-cope.org.

TWC serves about 65 families per day at its food pantry, one of the largest in the south suburban area. Open five days a week and outfitted with industrial-sized refrigerators and freezers, TWC is able to provide not only staples but also a large range of fresh and frozen food to people from 22 suburbs who live in Bremen, Orland, Palos and Worth townships. Nationally, food insecurity affects large numbers of U.S. residents, with 43 percent receiving some form of food assistance.

Together We Cope, founded in 1982, is dedicated to bridging the gap for Southland residents in temporary crisis by providing food, shelter, clothing and referrals, empowering them to return to self-sufficiency.

# *Veterans Come To The Aid Of Homeless Senior Citizens*

**Two Soldiers and a Marine came to the rescue of 200 homeless people by donating and delivering mouth watering barbecue dinners to the Pacific Garden Mission recently. Two Soldiers and a Marine is a company initiated by the Illinois State Crime Commission in order to create employment opportunities for returning service disabled Iraq-Afghanistan combat veterans.**

**"Once again, our military vets are looking out for the least fortunate among us. The question is, who looks out for them," said a spokesperson.**

# Treasures Of The Walt Disney Archives

*Treasures of the Walt Disney Archives*, presented by D23: The Official Disney Fan Club, an exhibition which encompasses more than 300 artifacts from nine decades of Disney history, opens at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI) on Oct. 16th — the 90th anniversary of The Walt Disney Company.

The exhibit showcases the creative accomplishments and innovations of one of Chicago's native sons, Walt Disney, and the ongoing legacy of the company that bears his name. From Mickey Mouse and Mary Poppins to Captain Jack Sparrow, the exhibition features many artifacts from Disney's rich history that have not been widely seen by the public — including drawings, props, costumes, artwork from classic Disney animated films, theme park attractions, TV shows and live-action films, plus items from contemporary Disney milestones. This exhibit will run at MSI through May 4, 2014 and is presented by Walgreens.

In addition to myriad fascinating artifacts that are sure to stir childhood memories and be familiar icons to many, the exhibition will feature hands-on, interactive stations that will bring Disney technological breakthroughs in animation and motion pictures to life. Guests can explore the technology behind the 53 animated Disney feature films and even learn the steps to drawing some favorite Disney characters in the "Animation Academy."

Among the extraordinary items to be featured:

Clips from several of Walt Disney's earliest animated works, before there was a Mickey Mouse. The original script, typed by Walt Disney, for the 1928 cartoon short *Steamboat Willie*, which introduced movie theater audiences to Mickey Mouse for the very first time.

A partial recreation of Walt Disney's formal office from the Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, Calif., including original furnishings and many of his personal items.

Hand-drawn artwork, hand-sculpted models and props used in the production of some of Disney's most iconic and renowned animated features, including *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, *Pinocchio*, *Fantasia*, *Dumbo* and *Sleeping Beauty*.

A recreation of a working animator's office from the Disney Studios featuring authentic animator's furniture, and models.

Animation models and artwork from contemporary Disney animation film hits, including *The Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Lion King* and *Aladdin*.

Props from classic Disney live-action films, including *Mary Poppins*, *20,000 Leagues under the Sea*, *The Rocketeer*, *The Princess Diaries*, *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* and *Enchanted*.

A special area of the exhibition that is dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the release of *Mary Poppins*, with film clips, interviews with the movie's creators and rare behind-the-scenes photos.

A salute to Disneyland® Park in California and Magic Kingdom® Park in Florida, showcasing artwork, Audio-Animatronics® characters, and memorabilia from such popular attractions as *it's a small world*, *Great Moments with Mr. Lincoln*, *The Hall of Presidents*, as well as early plans and correspondence for Walt Disney's vision of EPCOT.

This exhibit is not included in Museum Entry and will require an additional timed-entry ticket, which is $9 for adults and seniors and $7 for children 3-11. Tickets are on sale at *msichicago.org*. MSI members can purchase exhibit tickets for $4.50 per guest. D23 Gold and Silver Members will receive a special discount on exhibit entry.

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# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## Class Reunions

Ferdinand W. Peck School – Class of 1983 is seeking graduates of the Class of 1983 (1981-1985 invited too!) for its 30th reunion on Saturday, Nov. 2nd from 7 to 10 p.m. at BJ McMahon's Party Room in Oak Lawn. Contact Debbie Torrise at dotoo@comcast.net or Terri Sparks at terri.sparks@comcast.net or (708) 921-3517 for details on the reunion.

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Mother McAuley St. Xavier Academy Alumni Association – will hold an all-class reunion and McAuley Hall induction ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 2nd at Mother McAuley High School, 3737 W. 99th St. Ticket packages start at $85. Food, drink and entertainment will be featured throughout the evening. Call (773) 881-6565 or visit mothermcauleyalumni.org.

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Marian Catholic – Class of 1968 will celebrate its 35-year reunion on Nov. 29th at the Flossmoor Country Club, 2447 Western Ave. Contact hines@comcast.net.

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Kelly High School – Class of January 1964 is planning a 50-year reunion and is looking for classmates. Contact William Maloney at [illegible] or (630) 226-[illegible], Laura Hoberock at [illegible] or (815) [illegible], or Gerald LaBarge at [illegible] or (630) [illegible].

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[illegible] – [illegible] is looking classmates of the Class of [illegible] 45th reunion on Friday, Nov. [illegible] from [illegible] p.m. at Log [illegible] Country Club in the Log Cabin Room, 2204 Archer Ave. in Lemont. Contact Marilyn Monaco Simpson, Class Vice-President, at (630) [illegible], or Marilyn Kochowski Kmiatek at (815) [illegible].

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Harper High School – Classes of January and June 1963 are planning a 50-year reunion and are looking for classmates. Contact Jim Smith at (352) 686-8363 or www.jimmysmith.com or Lynn Paraski (708) 636-7548 or lynnsiebel@yahoo.com.

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St. Kilian Grammar School – looking for classmates for their 55th reunion. If you graduated from St. Kilian or know of someone who might be interested, contact Carol Vasil Donnelly at (708) 293-1466, email to cdonnelly@sbcglobal.net or on Facebook.

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## Present "From Russia With Love"

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra, celebrating its Golden Anniversary season, tips its hat to Agent 007 by presenting a concert titled *From Russia with Love*, as the movie of the same name marks the Golden Anniversary of its release in 1963. The *From Russia with Love* concert features the works of Russian masters Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev and begins at 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10, in the Orzinga Auditorium of Trinity Christian College, 6601 W. College Drive, Palos Heights. Rep includes the *Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture*, *Symphony #6 (Pathetique)*, and *The Love of Three Oranges Suite*. Tickets, from $5 to $25, can be purchased in advanced by calling (708) 802-0686 and by going online at www.southwestsymphony.com or at the door. Seniors pay $15. Children 12 and under are free.

This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra is a not-for-profit symphony orchestra. Call Linda Gervais, (708) 921-0164, with any questions.

## Celebrate 90th Anniversary

This year the Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club celebrates its 90th Anniversary. Since 1923 they have supported charitable causes locally and in Lithuania. Their unique Annual Debutante Balls have presented 255 debutantes symbolizing their culture and traditions.

All profits from all Annual Balls have funded higher education scholarships for 85 students of Lithuanian heritage.

Festivities will be held at the Palos Country Club, 13100 Southwest Highway in Orland Park, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Social hour is at 12:30 p.m. with the luncheon at 1:30 and entertainment by Sassafras & Fiddler and Grace Note Trio.

For more information, contact Genevieve Malinka at (708) 923-4974. Reservations can be made through Renee Palaima at (708) 388-2781.

## "Twelve Angry Men"

Marist High School's Theatre Guild will present *Twelve Angry Men* Thursday, Nov. 7th through Saturday, Nov. 9th. There will be a show at 7:30 p.m. each evening. Tickets will be available at the door, and cost $5 for students and $8 for adults. Enter through the west entrance.

*Twelve Angry Men* is a play written by Reginald Rose set in 1954. It made its Broadway debut in 2004. The storyline follows twelve jurors on a homicide trial as they weigh the evidence and reasonable doubt in trying to come to a unanimous verdict. The deliberations reveal more than just information about the case, but about each juror too.

Celebrating 50 years of excellence, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street in Chicago, is a Catholic, college prep, co-ed institution committed to making Jesus known and loved while preparing students for higher education and life.

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Christmas in the Country
Arts & Crafts Show
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Sandwich Middle School
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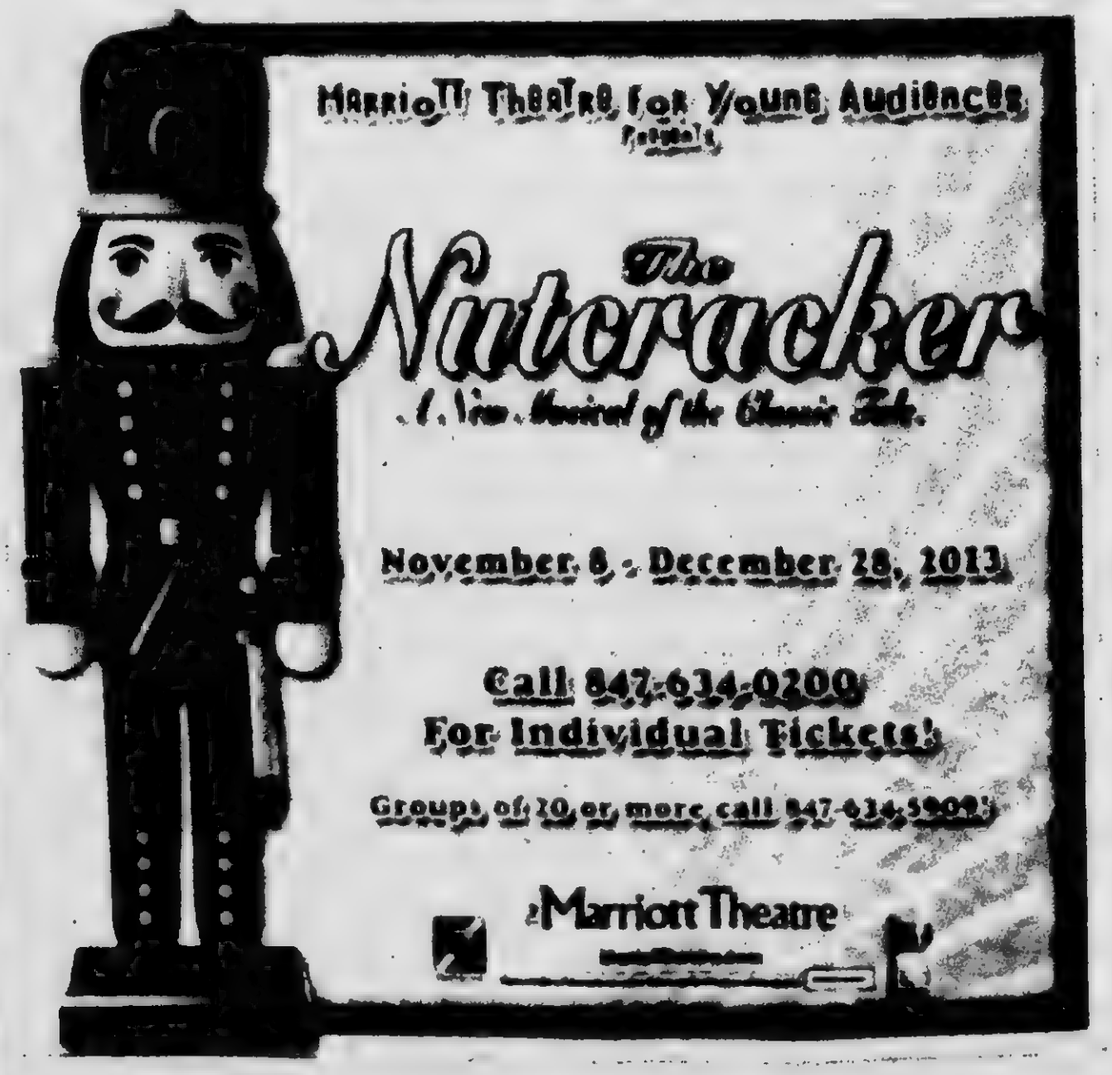

# Health & Nutrition

Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

## OBAMACARE: OPINIONS AND PREDICTIONS

After the disastrous launch of the Affordable Care Act, Americans can expect far from a rosy future. People are having trouble logging onto the website and to many of the state health insurance exchanges. In many cases the public will have to accept higher insurance premiums, new taxes, and to increases in part-time workers, who were once full time once. Americans are irate because they are seeing the health care law's destructive effect on the very nature of the way their care will be, and is starting to be, delivered.

Even before the ACA is in full gear, many physicians, seeing the changes in their profession that lie ahead, are talking their children, for many reasons, out of attending medical school. From all appearances doctors will see many more patients to meet expenses, while dealing with huge amounts of paperwork mandated by new laws. In the meantime, their lawsuits and malpractice premiums will continue to rise. Surely this is not an environment desirable to producing more physicians.

The forecast in doctor shortage is already a real problem. The predicted shortage of over 40,000 primary care physicians and that of specialists like heart surgeons has been vastly underestimated. Doctors are retiring early, refusing new patients, or going into concierge medicine. With immigrants seeking physicians after having been granted legal status, we will continue to have estimates of shortages rise.

In some states, getting an appointment to see a doctor will more than double in days ahead. In Massachusetts, for example, this year, the state medical society has noted waiting from 50 to 128 days in some areas to see an internist. But this is only the beginning of the problem. Medicare is continuing to reduce reimbursement to hospitals and doctors. This, compounded by massive paperwork, is a driving force for removing Medicare patients from the practice setting. Medicaid has similar problems, with reimbursements much worse.

The loss of private practice is even greater. Because of regulations and other government disincentives, doctors started working for hospitals in early 2000's, leaving about only half in their own practice in 2013. The ACA is predicted to accelerate this trend in the future. Their productivity has fallen, seeing fewer patients and doing less procedures. Continuity of care has been disrupted by change in shifts and then new doctors on board to pick up where the one on the last shift left off.

Of those doctors still in private practice, concierge medicine has taken over, where the patient pays an annual fee on the average between $500-$1000 per year for a primary care physician. This doctor provides enhanced care, faster appointments, and spends more time with each person, working with a base of 300-600 patients yearly as opposed to 3000-5000 persons in the ACA setting, and more for specialists. In the concierge setting a doctor is allowed to manage his own patient cases and practice medicine as he was once trained to, making his own well-educated judgments and proceeding with a medical plan. Certainly a luxury for most of us in the working world.

Going into medicine will no longer have the allure it once did. With an average of $300,000 in student loans, eight years of college and medical school, and three to seven years as underpaid, overworked residents, a prospective physician in the ACA era will be starting a career at age 30 in a job that requires working an 80 plus hour work week making about $100,000.

No wonder that many qualified people these days are choosing careers on Wall Street or in the Silicon Valley.

*(Parts of this column adapted from Wall Street Journal October 28, 2013 article written by Bradley Allen, MD, pediatric heart surgeon and former professor and surgical director at the Children's Heart Institute, Houston, Texas.)*

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# Primary Stroke Center Law Finalized

Time is critical in any medical emergency, and that is especially true during a stroke, when time lost is brain lost. Thankfully, the door is now open to improving both the quality and the speed of stroke care in Illinois. On Oct 22, the Illinois Legislature's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules formally approved the Administrative Rule for the 2009 Illinois Primary Stroke Center Law. This Administrative Rule will guide the implementation of the landmark stroke law, and its approval by the legislature means the law's improvements to life-saving stroke care will now be put into full effect throughout the state.

The 2009 Primary Stroke Center Law was designed to improve stroke care in two complementary ways: first, it would help hospitals to improve the quality of their in-patient stroke care systems, and second, it would ensure that regional emergency medical services (EMS) medical directors draft and implement stroke care protocols to better identify stroke patients in the field and take them directly to the nearest designated stroke center for treatment, bypassing a less-specialized hospital if necessary. Studies demonstrate that stroke systems like these help improve patient outcomes and increase provider efficiency.

While many hospitals throughout the state began improving their in-house stroke care immediately after the law was signed, the second goal of creating a system of regional EMS stroke care protocols to ensure patients are taken to the best hospital right away, has been largely on hold awaiting the finalization of this Administrative Rule. Now that it is approved, each of Illinois' 11 EMS regions will be required by law to draft and implement a stroke care protocol, which meets criteria set out in the Rule, completing the implementation of the Primary Stroke Center Law and improving stroke care throughout the state.

"Successful treatment of stroke is dependent on a system of care that begins with bystanders identifying stroke symptoms, continues with the quick arrival and expert work of EMS personnel, and concludes with the specialized stroke treatment that patients can only receive at designated stroke center hospitals," said Dr. Shyam Prabhakaran, Neurologist at the Feinberg School of Medicine and Chair of the Chicago Regional Stroke Advisory Subcommittee. "The finalization of this Administrative Rule and the full implementation of the Primary Stroke Center Law will help us create a faster, more coordinated system of stroke care resulting in increased survival and reduced disability for Illinois stroke patients."

In the U.S., 795,000 people have a stroke each year, one every 40 seconds. Someone dies from stroke every four minutes in our country making it the No. 4 leading cause of death. In recognition of World Stroke Day on Oct. 29, the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association urges everyone to learn the stroke warning signs, since bystanders often need to act fast in an emergency.

"The patient doesn't always recognize their own stroke and when they do, sometimes their symptoms make calling for help difficult, if not impossible," said Dr. Prabhakaran. "Just like we need to learn CPR to save someone else's life, we need to learn how to spot a stroke and act fast for the best chance of a positive outcome."

The American Stroke Association's Together to End Stroke initiative, nationally sponsored by Covidien, a global healthcare product company, teaches the acronym F.A.S.T. to remember stroke warning signs:

F - Face Drooping. Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile.

A - Arm Weakness. Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

S - Speech Difficulty. Is speech slurred, are they unable to speak, or are they hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence like, "The sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly?

T - Time to call 9-1-1. If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get them to the hospital immediately.

"Recognizing a stroke and calling 9-1-1 gives the patient a greater chance of getting to an appropriate hospital quickly and being assessed for life-saving treatment like a clot-busting drug or medical device."

For more information about the stroke warning signs and mobile app, risk factors or Together to End Stroke, visit www.StrokeAssociation.org.

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra

Golden Anniversary Season Continues with

From Russia with Love

The Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture — Tchaikovsky
The Love of Three Oranges Suite — Prokofiev
Symphony No. 6 "Pathetique" — Tchaikovsky

Sunday, November 10, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Dunne Auditorium, Trinity Christian College
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This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency

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–George Weinberg

In May 2013, Sue Moran was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of gallbladder cancer. The cancer spread to Sue's stomach lining, bile ducts and lymph nodes. After 3 months of intense chemotherapy, Sue and her family learned that the treatments were not effective. The cancer is spreading and not responsive to any traditional treatments. Sue needs urgent help to continue her fight for life. Sue is the wife of Brian Moran and mom to Kaden, Liam & Sean. Sue and Brian, along with family and friends, have desperately researched to identify other treatment options. As a result of their efforts, Sue was accepted into a specialized medical cancer treatment program in California. She immediately began receiving experimental alternative treatments in early September.

Sue's treatments are not covered by insurance. The enormous medical bills, along with the day to day expenses have created a massive financial burden for the Moran family. The [illegible] are asking you to help Sue on her journey for life. Please consider donating food or items to be raffled at the benefit, or making a financial contribution.

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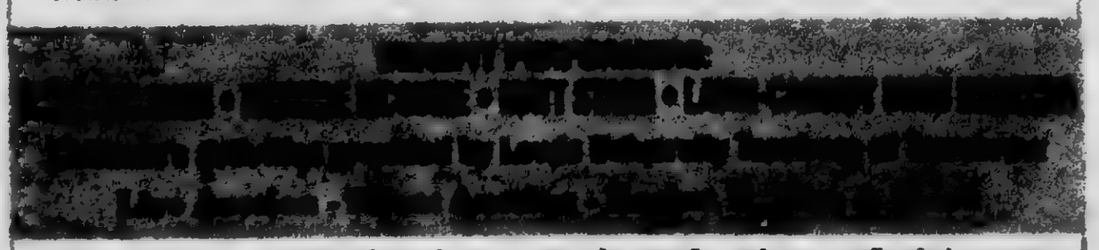

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# OUTDOORS by Jim Kirby

*Correction: Last week's column had the opening of upland game listed as Nov. 2, the correct date is Nov. 3, see info below. Sorry about that.*

**SATURDAY IS THE BIG DAY:** This Saturday, Nov. 3 is what upland game hunters have been looking forward to. Pheasants, Rabbits, Quail and Hungarian partridge season opens. Hours are sunrise to sunset. The season at one time opened on Nov. 11, what was then Armistice Day, now called Veteran's Day. Now, by opening on the first Saturday in November, everybody gets a chance to hunt on opening day, the day when the game is less spooky, not having been shot at. The weather is predicted to be cool and crisp (great for the dogs and scenting conditions). The only drawback for the opener is the vast amount of corn that has not been picked, the beans have been combined but the standing corn is a problem as it has been for the deer and turkey hunters.

**■OUTDOOR CALENDAR: Nov. 3:** Daylight Savings Time begins, time to set your clocks back one hour. – **Nov. 7:** Midwest Musky Club meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Sportsman's Club, 119th and Laramie Ave. in Alsip. New members welcome. (708) 715-1628. **Nov. 17:** Palos Sportsmen's Club Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot. Refreshments, Raffles and Shooting games. Bring your favorite shotgun and maybe win a turkey. First, shoot those clay pigeons where they're going to be, not where they are.

**■NEW APP HELPS YOU FIND SHOOTING RANGES:** The National Shooting Sports Foundation has launched an improved mobile app that locates shooting ranges near you. Search by current location or zip code and find information on shooting activities, range contact information and more, visit www.wheretoshoot.org. (*Turkey Counter*)

**■FEDERAL BILL PREVENTS TAXING FIREARMS AND AMMO:** The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), the trade association for the firearms and ammunition industry, praised U.S. Rep. Sam Graves (R-Mo) for his introduction of H.R. 2361, legislation intended to prevent states from enacting or raising taxes or fees on the purchase of firearms or ammunition.

"Congressman Graves is to be commended for introducing a bill to prevent one of the latest tactics of anti-gun politicians, that is pricing firearms and ammunition out-of-reach of responsible law-abiding citizens through new taxes on the state or local level," said Lawrence G. Keane, senior vice-president and general counsel, NSSF. "We believe that such taxes are unconstitutional and, in effect, amount to a poll tax on the Second Amendment. We endorse H.R. 2361."

Cook County enacted a $25 tax on new firearms purchases earlier this year and had considered a tax on ammunition, as well. H.R. 2361 is known as the *Protecting Honest Firearms Americans from Senseless and Needless Taxes Act* or **PHASNAT ACT.**

**■BAGWELL'S BASS TACTICS: DON'T JUST FISH ON THE FRONT PORCH** – "There have been thousands of times out on the water where I have seen anglers severely limit their success with their own poor habits. They will come across a spectacular piece of fish-holding cover and only fish the very outer edges. No matter how many times I have seen it, this still drives me nuts and makes me want to fish the cover as soon as they leave it.

"Look at the outer edge of cover like the front porch of a house. You can roll through your neighborhood and there might be a few people on their porches but the majority will be inside their homes. The same holds true with bass relating to trees and other fish-holding cover. There might be a couple of fish hanging out beyond the outer edges of the cover, but you really have to put your bait up in the nasty stuff to get the most out of it.

"Before I make my first cast I position the boat 10 to 15 feet away from the outer edges of the cover. Next I angle it to allow me the most direct approach to the target. It does little good to make a bad cast to a great piece of cover. Have enough restraint to wait the extra few seconds it takes to put the boat in the proper position. As you work around the perimeter of the cover, do so with your trolling motor on a low setting to keep the noise levels at a minimum."

"Let me reiterate this point so I am perfectly clear: if you are only fishing the outer edges of any cover, you are skipping right over dozens of fish every single time you are on the water. If you want to get the most out of your trip, you have to cast into the intimidating mess."

"One thing is absolutely certain, you will get snagged, hung-up, or whatever you like to call it. That is just the nature of the beast and a given when fishing where fish actually live. Don't let this discourage you from fishing these areas. If you get snagged while fishing nasty cover, so what? It's worth it. (*Bagwell's Bass Tactics*)

**■THINK ABOUT IT:** "For backyard bird watchers, fall is the climax of the year. There are more birds about than any other time. So enjoy your fall birds and keep those feeders filled." (*Laura C. Whitaker in the Outdoor Guide*)

**■E-Mail Jim Kirby:** *kirby@outdoorsworldglobal.net*

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# New Energy Efficiency Awareness Campaign

In addition to learning animal facts, Brookfield Zoo guests also can learn how to save energy and money with the official launch of a new energy-efficiency awareness campaign sponsored by the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program. Now, while waiting at any one of the train stations or taking a ride around the zoo, guests will discover fun facts about energy-efficient animals and learn about how they can save energy in their own home.

The Chicago Zoological Society (CZS), which manages Brookfield Zoo, is committed to inspiring conservation leadership by connecting people with wildlife and nature. The Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program at Brookfield Zoo is an example of one of the many environmental, educational, and animal-related initiatives that strive to encourage people to take actions that can benefit wildlife, nature, and our surrounding communities.

"We are proud to partner with the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program to educate zoo guests about how they can help make a difference in their everyday lives with simple energy-saving tips," said Alejandro Grajal, Ph.D., senior vice president of conservation and education, for CZS.

As part of this initiative, CZS has initiated an Energy and Water Sustainability Task Force to generate and implement energy-saving ideas around the zoo. For example, with the installation of new boilers and water heaters, CZS has sparked a 16 percent increase in energy efficiency. These efficiency upgrades also resulted in an $80,000 rebate from the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program.

"With nearly two million visitors a year, Brookfield Zoo is a great partner to help us create more awareness about the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program. We appreciate their commitment to conservation and believe it aligns well with our program's goals of helping our customers save energy and money," said Beth Reese, president of Nicor Gas.

The Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo, inspires conservation leadership by connecting people with wildlife and nature. The Chicago Zoological Society is a private nonprofit organization that operates Brookfield Zoo on land owned by the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

# *Honor Michael Barrett*

**A reception was held recently to honor Michael B. Barrett, the endorsed Democratic candidate for Judge in the 15th judicial sub-circuit. Many dignitaries of all walks of life were on hand.**

**Both Barrett and his wife, Bernadette, have been prominent attorneys for the past 20 years. Both received their law degrees from Loyola University School of Law.**

**Pictured, left to right, is Michael B. Barrett, Bernadette Garrison Barrett and Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin.**

# Honor Athletics Director & Head Coach Bob Hallberg

**Saint Xavier University (SXU) honors Athletics Director and Head Coach Bob Hallberg (pictured) by naming the Shannon Center main arena floor the Bob Hallberg Court during a special dedication ceremony at 6:50 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13. The ceremony will be held at SXU's Chicago campus, 3700 West 103rd, in the Shannon Center prior to the 7 p.m. women's basketball game against Trinity International University. Hallberg will offer his remarks immediately following the game.**

**Hallberg has a rich history with SXU Athletics. In 1971, he was named the head men's basketball coach and athletics director at Saint Xavier College and held the positions for six years. His teams won 127 games and two conference titles over the stretch. Hallberg became the first head coach of the Saint Xavier University women's basketball program in 1999 and also took over again as athletics director in May 2001.**

**He has had some notable accomplishments with the SXU women's basketball program. The Cougars reached the 100-win mark in only their fourth season of existence, have achieved at least 20 wins in each season (including a program-best 31 wins in 2010) and have advanced to the NAIA National Tournament each of the last 11 seasons. Since the team began playing in 2000, the Cougars have a 327-101 overall record (.764 win percentage).**

**Hallberg is a well-known figure on the Chicago hoops scene. He played basketball under legendary coaches Jim Armenberg and Spin Salario. Hallberg received his degree in physical education from Chicago State in 1966 and a master's degree in physical education from George Williams University (Ill.). As a men's basketball coach, he has had successful stints at a number of area institutions, including Kennedy High School, Chicago State University (CSU) and University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC).**

**His career coaching record (high school and college) is 905-390 (.698 win percentage). Hallberg has spent his entire coaching career building winning programs and the SXU women's basketball team is easily one of his most successful projects. In 13 years with a relatively new program, he has put together a national contender. In September 2012, Hallberg was inducted into the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame for his outstanding coaching career.**

**He resides in Oak Lawn with his wife, Linda. They have three sons: Bob, Bill (Deanna) and Brian (Joy). He also has eight grandchildren: Nathan, Grace, Ben, Sofia, Gavin, Evan, Jason and Jake.**

# Vitamin D Screening

Palos Township Health Service will be sponsoring a Vitamin D screening on Nov. 12th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Testing will cost a $25 and is open to both residents and non-residents. Testing will be done at the Township office at 10802 S. Roberts Rd., Palos Hills. Call to reserve a spot at (708) 598-2441.

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| | General Fund | Special Revenue Funds | Water Fund | Pension Fund |
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| Revenues | $ 7,562,668 | $ 1,047,588 | $ 2,492,483 | $118,541 |
| Expenditures | -6,875,856 | -1,171,973 | -2,780,941 | -117,955 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | 686,812 | 124,385 | -288,458 | 586 |
| Transfer In (Out) | -150,000 | | | 150,000 |
| Loan Proceeds | 148,672 | | | |
| Other | 12,500 | | | |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | 697,984 | -124,385 | -288,458 | 150,586 |
| Previous Year Fund Balance | 3,189,024 | 5,728,838 | 19,999,215 | 156,137 |
| Current Year Fund Balance | $ 3,887,008 | $ 5,604,453 | $ 19,710,757 | $ 306,723 |

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report of the Village of Crestwood for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2013

s/s William M. Venegas
William M. Venegas, Treasurer

Village of Crestwood
Annual Municipal Treasurer's Report
Year Ended April 30, 2013

**REVENUE SUMMARY:**
Property taxes 1,546,895; Incremental property taxes 1,064,548; Sales tax 3,057,380; Incremental sales tax 1,082,072; State income tax 1,073,650; Motor fuel tax 310,644; Other taxes 315,358; Grants 242,732; Other intergovernmental 18,553; Licenses and permits 368,864; Fines and penalties 163,422; Interest income 4,186; Charges for services 2,971,657; Employee contributions 13,984; Miscellaneous 967,335; Sale of capital assets 12,500; Bank loan proceeds 148,672

**COMPENSATION SUMMARY:**
**Under $25,000.00:** Alcala, Becky; Alcala, Jesse; Alexander, David; Alfano, Bernadine; Anderson, Jeffrey; Antonelli, Annette; Bell, Jeffrey; Belsky, Michael; Benedetto, Robert; Binnendyk, John; Binnendyk, Mark; Bonilla, Andres; Bracken, Justin; Brady, Mike; Brand, Daniel; Bruce, Patrick; Bruce, Peggy; Bulat, Anthony; Burke, Christopher; Carlson, Barbara; Clark, Sandra; Costant, Keith; Contri, Melissa; Cooney, Gregory; Coutre, Michael; Covey, Ian; Cox, Craig; Crawford, Brian; Cundari, Sandy; Dawson, Thomas; DeAngelis, Judith; DeLaCruz, Derek; Dzonno, Michael; Dobrowolski, Edward; Doeslaere, Jason; Dolan, Gary Allen; Ferguson, Mary K.; Fogarty, Timothy; Fons, Jason; Fredericksen, Chad; Gabler, Amanda; Gabriele, Michael; Golab, Claudia; Gomboz, Steve M; Gomboz, Steven J.; Gonzalez, Edgar; Green, Timothy; Hardwick, George; Hardwick, Michael; Hart, Jeffrey; Haupers, William; Heinen, George; Houlton, Robert; Hovance, David; Howard, Jacob; Ignatowicz, Jason; Jagodzinski, Colleen; Jett, Donald; Johnson, Matthew; Jones, Shirley; Jurka Jr., Daniel; Jurka Sr., Daniel; Kaczynski, Ronald; Kalck, Doreen; Kanewski, Thomas; Kelly, Kevin; Kennedy, Joseph; Klimek, Michael; Klimek, Walter; Kmiecik, Annette; Koehler, Dorothy; Koopman, Cortney; Kraus, Anita; Landgraf, Darlene; Langland, David; Lanzi, Paul; Lewald, Daryl; Lorenzini, Paul; Luczak, Larry; Malito, Charles; Malizia, James; Manning, Sandra; Matutis, Cynthia; Matutis, Michael; Matys, Daniel; McCaffrey, Fred; McGann, Scott; McGhee, Ciaran; McShane, Scott; Mendez, Edgar; Moreno, Michael; Mullen, James; Munoz, Raul; Murphy, Brendan; Murphy, Michael; Nelson, Heather; Newton, Jonathan; Nieves, Juan; Nowakowski, Paul; Nyhanna, William; O'Boyle, William; O'Dwyer, Daniel; Oberheim, Jon; Olson, Robert; Orsini, Anthony; Owen, Marshall; Paliga, Brian; Passaglia, Nicole; Paterkiewicz, Matthew; Pavlik, Joseph; Peters, Daniel; Peterson, James; Pickle, Katie; Prediscalzi, Giovanni; Raider, Thomas; Rodgers, Joan; Roe, Amy; Rohlicek, Michael; Roman, Arthur; Roman, Charles; Roman, Linda; Roman, Mark; Ronan, Arthur; Ronan, Matthew; Ronan, Michael; Savich, Scott; Schroeder, James; Sim, Michael; Smith, Julie; Smith, Megan; Soderlund, Christopher; Sorley, Rick; Spencer, Christopher; Stepek, Sharon; Stock, Amanda; Stoll, James; Storcz, Jeffrey; Summerfield, Angelina; Summers, Timothy; Taylor, Kevin; Tejack, Dennis; Theis, John; Theis, Kathleen; Travaglini, Anthony; Venegas, William; Walsh, Timothy; Warren, Thomas; Warszalek, Thomas; Weytkow, Susan; Wilson, Greg; Winer, Garry; Wirtz, Kevin; Wondolowski, Forrest; Wyman, Richard; Ziolkowski, David; Ziolkowski, Erik; Zwerzig, David; Zwerzig, Zachary; Zylius, Matthew
**$25,000.00 to $49,999.99:** Alexander, Michael; Bruce, Jon; Burica, Eliot; Carlson, Peggy; Clackey, Janie; Cozzo, Charlene; Galindo, Manuel; Gilligan, John; Graffeo, Robert; Haak, Michael; Hull, Christopher; Iturbe, Ruperto; Jurka, Carol; Kupsik, Robert; Marker, Rita; McAuliffe, Kevin; Mizyed, Raafat; Moosmann, Sandra; Paliga, Brian; Pavoni, Dino; Rickey, James; Spiguzza, Sam; Stedman, Matthew; Stubitsch, Malea; Wilmington, Nick
**$50,000.00 to $74,999.99:** Benedetto, Nancy; Conway, John; Johnson, Catherine; Neubauer, Theresa; O'Meara, John; Oberheim, Chris; Sadowski, Joseph; Strutzenberg, Thomas; Weigand, David
**$75,000.00 to $99,999.99:** Graffeo, William

**EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:**
**Vendors paid in excess of $2,500:** A Lavelle Consulting Services, LLC 7,500.00; AT&T 8,407.54; A. J. Smith Federal Savings, 25,807.56; Air One Equipment, Inc. 5,137.04; All-Circo, Inc. 43,750.00; All American Awards & Apparel, Inc. 3,863.20; Allied Waste Services 651,974.48; Alpha Construction Company 216,427.50; Alsco-American Industrial Division 3,880.81; Alsip, Village of 1,729,883.29; AM-Coat Painting, Inc. 14,958.45; Anderson's Outdoor Sports & Turf 4,308.49; Aqua Pure Enterprises 16,578.24; Arlington Power & Equipment 27,904.37; Arnold, George 6,400.00; Avalon Construction Group 23,320.00; Avalon Petroleum Company 208,747.89; B F & S Insurance 198,391.00; Bank of New York 944,634.06; Barnes & Thornburg, LLP 186,105.70; Benedetto, Nancy 4,000.00; Bill Kay Ford 3948.98; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois 269,923.67; Blue Island Equipment Rental, Inc. 2,545.29; Bree Pugh & Associates 50,000.00; Brick Paver Creations, Inc. 55,250.00; Brady, Mike 5,947.25; Bureau of Technology 1,204.20; C G Professionals 10,474.26; Call One 20,599.36; Canton Cochran Management Services, Inc. 5,250.00; Carl Linden & Artists, Inc. 6,500.00; Casey Equipment Company 2,789.59; CCMSI 3,638.50; CDW Government, Inc. 2,851.03; Celtic Power & Light 17,814.00; Chicago International Truck 122,913.80; Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau 25,163.90; Chicago Testing Lab 9,024.85; Cistaro, Nancy 2,800.00; Clark Baird Smith LLP 3,043.08; Coca-Cola Refreshments 4,771.72; Comcast Cable 10,652.33; Commonwealth Edison 48,958.96; Continental Construction Co. Inc. 143,301.50; Control Electric Company, Inc. 2,521.00; Cook County Highway Department 4,027.86; Cooling, Barbara 24,927.36; Costarilos, Tighe & Streicker, Ltd. 3,091.25; Council Press 4,328.53; Daan's Automotive 4,000.00; Dave's Appliance & Repair, Inc. 3,313.61; Direct Energy Business 167,720.89; Direct Energy Services, LLC 26,724.19; Eagle Automotive of Chicago 6,372.05; East Jordan Ironworks 28,319.43; Enviro Laboratory, Inc. 6,125.00; Esparza, Diana 20,793.50; Evans, Barrett 5,252.00; Everclean 19,220.00; Evergreen Oak Electric 2,508.43; Fanning Communications, Inc. 52,511.49; Fifth Third Bank 1,235,520.94; First Midwest Bank 175,671.82; Fitzgerald Lighting 4,556.17; Fisher, Steven 2,697.75; Flying Tigers 4,965.66; Flynn, Patricia 3,056.64; Flowers Flag & Decorating, Inc. 3,260.00; Foster, Jeanne 14,574.84; Frank's Repair Service, Inc. 7,904.92; Frohn, Carl 32,062.48; G & L Auto II 7,652.98; Gemco 355,264.00; Global Emergency Products 8,461.21; Grainger 7,158.03; GRC Engineering 3,600.00; Greenscape Tree & Turf Professionals, Inc. 11,361.00; Guzman, Marissa 2,603.25; Hardwick, George 8,800.00; Havel, Ken 3,300.00; Hearne & Associates, PC CPA 30,570.00; Hofsaes, Steve 3,421.00; Illinois Dept. of Central Mgmt Services 6,758.88; Illinois Dept. of Employment Security 41,787.53; Illinois Payphone Systems 3,025.00; Illinois Public Risk Fund 146,190.00; Illiana Lawn Irrigation 2,877.00; Imer, Christina 3,970.00; Ingalls Occupation Health 2,880.00; Interstate Battery of Chicago 3,543.26; J & L Electronic Service 2,905.94; Jack & Pat's 3,383.75; Jana, Jackie 6,788.00; K C Audio 2,500.00; Kata, Lynn 18,667.70; Kenline Trucking 6,000.00; Kimball Midwest 2,970.02; Kleinfelder East, Inc. 11,271.60; Life Fitness 7,197.84; Litchfield Cavo LLP 21,051.66; Mancari's Chrysler Jeep, Inc. 3,724.24; McAuliffe, Maureen 15,026.88; McGill Asphalt Paving Construction Co. 10,173.00; Menards 34,747.01; Midlothian Police Pension Fund 29,500.86; Midlothian Post Office 13,383.81; Midwest Meter, Inc. 38,698.58; Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone 3,994.00; Modern Heating & Cooling 40,840.40; Moore Medical, LLC 2,984.75; Motorola Solution, Inc. 62,017.26; Nextel Communications 5,312.63; Nicor Gas 5,297.94; North East Multi-Regional Training, Inc. 17,355.00; Nunez, Vincent 4,325.88; O'Herron, Ray Co., Inc. 35,120.27; Odelson & Sterk, Ltd. 9,630.00; OfficeMax Incorporated 15,883.82; Omni Environmental LLC 29,232.50; Palos Sports 5,876.19; PCS Industries 24,899.83; Pep Boys 10,564.02; Playworld Preferred 3,145.00; Portable John 2,898.00; Pretzel, Stouffer Chartered 80,348.62; Public Safety Direct 21,501.03; RDJ Specialties 6,692.06; Renzi & Associated 3,700.00; Retzbach, Stephen 3,769.00; Robbins, Village of 3,921.87; Sales Enterprise 4,809.25; Scot Decal Company, Inc. 5,021.75; Sentry Foods 7,123.80; Silver Lake Country Club 7,693.35; Smaron, Joseph James CPA 40,100.00; SMRS, Inc. 3,634.94; Sosin Arnold, LTD 138,591.14; Southwest Central Dispatch 221,895.52; Southwest Conference of Mayors 5,000.00; Southwest Messenger Press 5,440.62; Southwest Metal Distributors 7,061.00; Sportsfields, Inc. 6,599.40; Starlight Express Coaches 14,740.54; Stetler & Duffy Rotert, Ltd 21,967.00; Strada Construction Company 143,878.60; T M Tire Company 7,001.74; Terry's Peotone 28,720.00; Theatre at the Center 5,696.00; Toscas, John 2,865.74; Tradewinds-Dykstra-Hawthorne HVAC 6,429.00; Travel Services 7,273.00; Twin Supplies, Ltd 6,398.41; Ultra Foods 4,587.33; Ungaretti & Harris 3,171.51; Unifirst Corporation 4,777.71; United States Postal Service 5,937.20; United States Treasury 219,785.47; Vander Velde, Liz 4,900.00; Vanderhyden, Suzanne 8,375.00; Vantagepoint Engineering 53,922.62; Vermont Systems 2,936.50; Vivando, Stephanie 8,358.47; Westside Mechanical 8,501.25; Wolf Business Forms 3,242.45; Zogics 3,836.80; **Other vendors in amounts less than $2,500 total 388,777.93.**

# Court Reporting Open House

South Suburban College (SSC) will host an Open House for the Court Reporting/Verbatim Technology Program on Thursday, Nov. 7th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the University & College Center (UCC) in Oak Forest, Room 5230.

The SSC Court Reporting/Verbatim Technology Program is fully accredited by the National Court Reporters Association. It is a comprehensive career education program that can lead to an exciting, high paying career. Upon completion of all of the courses, students receive an Associate in Applied Science Degree and are well-prepared to take the Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporter Examination-the professional certifying exam for the State of Illinois.

Reporters are in high demand and may work in areas such as judicial reporting, broadcast captioning, steno interpreting and web casting. In addition to the excellent earnings, court reporters have opportunities for travel, exposure to high-profile cases, and self-employment.

All of SSC's Court Reporting classes are held at the UCC, located at 16333 S. Kilbourn Ave. in Oak Forest. For more information, contact LaTherese Cooke, Program Coordinator, at (708) 596-2000, ext. 3217, or visit www.ssc.edu.

LEGAL NOTICE
CRESTWOOD PLAN COMMISSION
November 25, 2013
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Crestwood Plan Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, November 25, 2013 at 8:00 P.M. in the Crestwood Village Hall, 13840 S. Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, IL upon the "Request for Special Use" filed by Timothy Todd, All-State Insurance Agency 5419 W. 127th Street Crestwood, IL 60445 seeking a special use to permit insurance sales on the property commonly known as 5419 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, IL 60445 and legally described as

Lot 1 in Country Square, Being a Resubdivision of Lot in Playfield in the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 37 North, Range 13 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois

At which time and place, interested persons may attend and will be afforded an opportunity to be heard during the Plan Commission's deliberations and considerations relating to the Plan Commission's proposed recommendation and advise to the Village Board as to the formal action to be taken upon the subject request for special use

In addition, the Plan Commission will consider written comments pertaining to the subject "Special Use Request" which comments may be submitted at the Public Hearing of November 25, 2013 at 8:00 P.M. or submitted to the Crestwood Plan Commission by delivery to the office of the Village Clerk, directed to the Plan Commission, prior to the date and time of this Public Hearing

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# Walmart Brighter Future Grant

Moraine Valley Community College is one of 12 community colleges in the country selected to participate in the Walmart Brighter Futures 2.0 Project, which is supported by a $3.5 million grant from the Walmart Foundation to the League for Innovation in the Community College.

The project aims to provide low-income adults and older youth the skills necessary to obtain middle-skill jobs, enabling them to become financially self-sufficient. In addition, the project is modeled to provide participants with the confidence they need to know they've acquired the skills employers want, which will empower them to document these skills and communicate them effectively to employers.

Over the next two-and-a-half years, the League will work with a select group of 12 community colleges across the U.S. to help these institutions develop programs and services to move low-income, low-skill individuals into middle-skill jobs. The League will disseminate the best practices from the project to other community colleges throughout the country.

In addition to Moraine Valley, other community colleges funded were Anne Arundel Community College (MD), Central Piedmont Community College (NC), Cuyahoga Community College (OH), Delta College (MI), El Centro College, the Dallas County Community College District (TX), Kirkwood Community College (IA), Maricopa Community Colleges (AZ), Miami Dade College (FL), Santa Fe College (FL), Seattle Community Colleges (WA), and Sinclair Community College (OH).

In announcing the grants, League President and CEO Dr. Gerardo E. de los Santos expressed confidence the Walmart Brighter Futures Project will have a profound and positive impact beyond the 12 colleges. "As with an earlier project funded by the Walmart Foundation, Brighter Futures 2.0 will lead to best practices that will expand the capacity of community colleges to enhance middle-skill job training opportunities. The League will be delighted to share the work of the 12 colleges with colleges around the country," said de los Santos.

Through the project, each selected community college will receive up to $233,333 to provide training and services that will qualify the targeted individuals for middle-skill positions in the workforce. The training will focus on jobs requiring 21st century skills in an effort to provide a promising career future. In addition to specific job training, individuals will receive career counseling and job acquisition skills such as job search, resume writing and interviewing techniques.

"We are excited to be selected to participate in this project," said Dr. Sylvia Jenkins, Moraine Valley president. "We appreciate the generosity of the Walmart Foundation and the leadership of the League for Innovation in making this work possible. We look forward to working with our national partners and our local business and community partners to help make a difference across the country by helping low-income individuals prepare for middle-skill jobs. This effort underscores part of our mission to improve the condition of working families in our communities through the power of education and training."

"The Walmart Foundation supports programs that provide people with ways to improve their lives through skills training, job readiness, job placement and support services," says Julie Gehrki, senior director of the Walmart Foundation. "We are proud to continue our work with the League for Innovation and expect to help 9,000 workers gain the skills they need for today's job market through this continued effort."

# *Stained Glass Class*

**The Center offers a six week Stained Glass class beginning Thursday evening, Nov. 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 at 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park.**

**Students create beautiful stained glass pieces, by learning the principles of glass design and color and the techniques of cutting and soldering, using both lead came and copper foil to join the pieces of glass. With instruction by experienced stained glass artist Harry Meneghini, students start with simple projects and eventually design their own windows, pictures, and lamps.**

**The 6-week class costs $84. A list of glass and supplies which will need to be purchased by each student will be distributed the first day of class or may be obtained at the Center, although the instructor suggests waiting until after the first class to make any purchases.**

**Advance registration is required. Call The Center at (708) 361-3650.**

**Pictured is art instructor Harry Meneghini critiquing the work of stained glass student Donna Sarar.**

## OAK LAWN POLICE CALLS

On Oct. 10, Suphi J. Kurdi of Oak Lawn was charged with possession of cannabis after a traffic stop for a car where he was a passenger was pulled over at 91st and Cicero. Police said that they were informed that Kurdi and the driver of the car were seen rolling joints. A pack of rolling papers along with 1.4 grams of marijuana were found in the car.

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On Oct. 11, Cara B. Schrage of Hometown was arrested for drunk driving, no proof of insurance and improper lane usage after a traffic stop at Southwest Highway and Kilpatrick Avenue. She reportedly swerved across lanes and registered .141 BAC.

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On Oct. 13, Claudia A. Bautista of Bridgeview was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, no insurance, driving without lights and improper lane usage after a traffic stop at Southwest Highway and Sproat Ave.

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On Oct. 15, Anthony Wasso of Florida was arrested and charged with driving without a valid license, no insurance, failure to signal a turn and failure to secure a child under the age of 8 in a safety seat. His 5-year old daughter was in the backseat. He was stopped at 95th and Cicero.

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On Oct. 15, Nike V. Stevens of Chicago and Marcel K. Porter also of Chicago were arrested and charged with retail theft at the Kmart on 95th Street. Stevens reportedly stole a $60 video game and Porter was stopped as he tried to leave with a BB gun under his shirt.

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On Oct. 16, Terry J. Patterson of Oak Lawn was charged with driving on a suspended license, expired registration, improper use of a registration and no insurance after a traffic stop at 100th and Pulaski. It was said that the registration sticker on the license plate did not belong to the car.


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# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Army Pfc. Daniel C. Farr II has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Missouri, which included basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT). Farr is the son of LaJuanna and Daniel Farr Sr. of Chicago. His wife, Pamela, is the daughter of Pamela Conley of Lynwood. Farr has served in the military for five months. He is a 2002 graduate of Morgan Park High School in Chicago.

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Approximately 130 Illinois Army National Guard Soldiers from the 933rd Military Police Company based in Fort Sheridan, Il. were recognized for their service in Afghanistan at a Freedom Salute ceremony at the Chicago Botanic Gardens, Oct 12th.

The unit mobilized Aug. 7, 2012 and deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). The company worked with Special Forces troops in Afghanistan, therefore, much of its mission is classified. 933rd Soldiers were spread across four remote combat posts in Afghanistan successfully accomplishing missions such as guard operations and prisoner escort.

Six Soldiers earned Bronze Star Medals, 76 earned Army Commendation Medals, 42 earned the Army Achievement Medals and 19 Soldiers received Combat Action Badges. Recipients of the Bronze Star Medal included Capt. Thomas Culligan of Bolingbrook, 1st Lt. Christopher Rothwell of Chicago, 1st Lt. Lorrie Novak of Oak Forest, Sgt. 1st Class Delval Desavieu of Dolton, Staff Sgt. Bret Thompson of Yorkville, Sgt. 1st Class Joel Mauney of Springfield also earned the Bronze Star Medal, but was not present for the ceremony.

The 933rd also mobilized from Feb. 2003 to July 2004, as one of the first Illinois Army National Guard units to be deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Freedom Salute Campaign is a small way to show these patriotic citizen-Soldiers, their families and employers how much their sacrifice is appreciated. On behalf of the National Guard Bureau, the Illinois Army Nation Guard presented each eligible Soldier with an encased American flag, as well as a sequentially numbered commemorative coin, certificate of appreciation and lapel pin. Families also received items recognizing their support and sacrifice.

The Freedom Salute Campaign is one of the largest Army National Guard recognition endeavors in history. It is designed to publicly acknowledge Army National Guard Soldiers and those who supported them while deployed.

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The Junior High classes of St. Albert the Great Catholic School, 5555 W. State Road (80th and Central Ave.) in Burbank, will be celebrating a Veterans Day Mass on Monday, Nov. 11th at 8:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served in the school following the liturgy. The students and staff would be pleased and honored if you would join them. You are encouraged to feel free to share your stories, photos, mementos and memories with the students. Displays may be set up in the library. For more information, call the school office at (708) 424-7757.

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The American Legion Family of Don Varnas Post 986 is proud to announce that their 2013 Veterans Day Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Nativity BVM Church, 6812 S. Washtenaw Ave. in Chicago, on Sunday, Nov. 10th. The Mass will begin at 12:15 p.m. and will be followed by the Memorial Service and luncheon in the school hall. All Veterans and their families are invited to celebrate the memory of their Veterans with them. RSVP for the luncheon to John Brogan (773) 233-1859 by Nov. 4th.

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The Oak Lawn Park District is offering a free program, "Healthy Mind Healthy Body", with your fitness in mind. The program includes 10-hour-long free personal training sessions with a personal trainer who is certified to work with individuals with disabilities, a gym membership for you (the veteran) and a guest of your choice to a gym with accessible equipment, and monthly social activities. The program is open to Veterans of all ages, with a DD214 Honorable Discharge and ten percent or higher disability rating who reside in Oak Lawn, Bridgeview, Burbank, Chicago Ridge, Crestwood, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Hometown and Palos Hills. The program is tailored to your specific needs availability. Fitness sessions and the gym are at the Oak Lawn Pavilion, 9400 Oak Park Ave. in Oak Lawn. For more information, contact Jacqueline Canty, Special Recreation Coordinator, at (708) 857-2200 or jcanty@olparks.com.

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Quote of the Week: The greatest oak was once a little nut who held its ground. Author Unknown

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Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.

# Moraine Valley's Leadership Challenge Now Enrolling Female Executives

Businesswomen in management and leadership positions wanting to further their professional skills can gain an edge at The Leadership Challenge: Women Making the Extraordinary Happen, beginning in December, at Moraine Valley Community College, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. The program takes place over five-and-one-half days from December through May.

Leadership Challenge participants will explore common workplace challenges and potential barriers women face while climbing the career ladder. They will learn strategies to enhance employee engagement, increase productivity and stimulate a culture of innovation to drive business results.

The program benefits businesses by helping participants become more productive, increase communication skills and improve conflict resolution skills. Other benefits for the participants include sharing insights with fellow leaders, comparing experiences and exploring how to maximize abilities and opportunities.

The Leadership Challenge will begin on Thursday, Dec. 12, with a half-day orientation session during which participants will learn more about the program, discuss expectations and the curriculum, and get acquainted with each other. Each of the subsequent five sessions will be led by an expert trainer and will feature a female leader, who will relate her personal experiences during the luncheon keynote.

Leadership Practice Inventory - Friday, Jan. 17. Trainer Albert Lewis, dean of Corporate, Community and Continuing Education at Moraine Valley, will lead participants in identifying leadership behaviors, relating personal best stories and learning the five best practices. Ellen Jordan Reidy, president and founder of American Food Technologies in Tinley Park, is the lunch keynote speaker.

Model the Way - Friday, Feb. 21. Trainer Patricia Svare, founder of The Chatfield Group, will help participants clarify their values, set the leadership example, and discover the importance of credibility and what people admire most in leaders. Anne L. Schneider, secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, is the lunch keynote speaker.

Inspire a Shared Vision - Friday, March 14. Trainer Dr. Tanesha D.H., founder and CEO of Universal Kingdom Enterprises, will guide participants in learning to envision an ideal and unique future and how to make that vision come alive, as well as how to learn about team members' hopes, dreams and aspirations. Jennifer Convery, president of Griffith Laboratories U.S., in Alsip, is the lunch keynote speaker.

Enable Others to Act and Encourage the Heart - Friday, April 18. Trainer Debra J. Crawford, diversity and life coach consultant, will lead participants in examining the impact others' behavior has on self-esteem and desire to participate. They will learn how to build trust, facilitate relationships and help team members feel confident. Karin Norington-Reaves, CEO of Chicago Workforce Partnership, is the lunch keynote speaker.

Leadership Learning Reflection and Graduation - Friday, May 9. Trainer Jane Long, dean of Academic Development and Learning Resources at Moraine Valley, will conclude the Leadership Challenge.

The cost to attend is $1,495 and includes access to keynote speakers, trainers, networking, educational materials, breakfast, lunch, and snacks for all five days. Scholarships are available.

To register or get more information, call (708) 974-5714, visit *morainevalley.edu/cce* or email schrimplee@morainevalley.edu.

# AARP Driver Safety Class

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. The program has helped millions of drivers protect their safety on today's roads. The training is designed to help you:

- Tune up your driving skills and update your knowledge of the Rules of the Road
- Learn about normal, age-related physical changes and how to adjust your driving to allow for these changes
- Reduce your traffic violations, crashes and chances for injuries
- Drive more safely
- Get an insurance discount

The class will be held on Thursday, Nov. 7th and Friday, Nov. 8th from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Louis S. Viverito Senior Center, 7745 S. Leamington Ave. in Burbank. Registration for the class is required and the course fee is $12 for AARP members and $14 for non-members payable that day to the instructor. Call (708) 636-8850 to register.

# *Marist Announces National Merit Semifinalists*

**Marist High School recently announced seniors (from left), Rachel Folga, Liam Gibbs, and Jim Costin were named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. Three other students were named National Merit Commended students.**

**Costin (Oak Lawn) has balanced participation in the school's football program, along with membership in the Spanish National Honor Society (SNHS), National Honor Society (NHS), math team, and student ambassadors. He also serves a peer leader, providing academic support to students in lower grade levels.**

**Folga (Oak Forest) is a peer mediator, helping students resolve issues or disputes. She, too, is a member of SNHS and NHS, and serves as a student ambassador.**

**Gibbs (Evergreen Park) is a member of the school's band, and is also a member of the math team, NHS, and SNHS. He also serves as a tutor for local grammar school students through Marist's youth service group.**

**All three have carried challenging course loads, taking advantage of Marist's many Advanced Placement courses, which provide the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school. All three are considering highly selective universities in the Midwest.**

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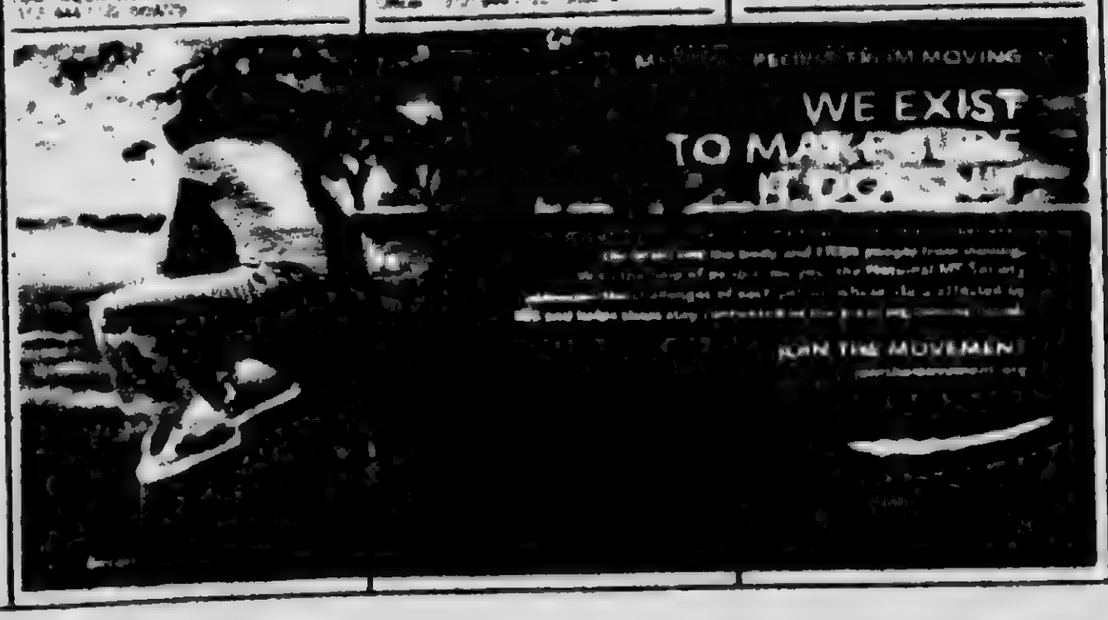

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# SWSRA Candlelight Bowl Fundraiser

[illegible] Special Recreation Association (SWSRA) will host its annual Candlelight Bowl Fundraiser on Saturday, November [illegible]. The fundraiser will be held at Springfield Lanes, located on Centennial Circle in Tinley Park [illegible]. Tickets will be $25 per person and include shoes, bowling, pizza, cash dinner and Scotch Double Bowling. A bowler dinner only ticket can be purchased for $[illegible]. They are limiting the bowling to three couples per lane [illegible]. There are raffles, door prizes and split the check will also be available for purchase. All proceeds will benefit SWSRA services.

To make a donation or purchase a ticket, contact Justin Waters at the SWSRA office by calling (708) 389-9421 or emailing him at [illegible].

SWSRA is a non-profit organization that provides recreational services for individuals with special needs. To learn more, visit www.swsra.com.

# Announce Criminal Indictments For Alleged LUST Fund Fraud Scheme

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) recently announced that the United States Department of Justice has obtained indictments against five individuals associated with Springfield based Environmental Management Inc. for criminal charges relating to an alleged fraud scheme done under the auspices of environmental clean-up at leaking underground storage tank (LUST) sites across Illinois. Defendants are charged with conspiring to commit mail and wire fraud in order to illegally obtain millions of taxpayer funded dollars from the Illinois Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Fund.

IEPA Director Lisa Bonnett also announced that the Agency will be pursuing legal measures to prevent further distribution of funds to Environmental Management Inc. until a resolution to these proceedings is reached. The Agency will be launching its own review of projects done by the company to ensure that taxpayer money was spent effectively and that environmental concerns were appropriately addressed.

IEPA, which administers the LUST program, including the review and approval of payments from the LUST Fund for legitimate costs of LUST site clean-up, has been partnering with law enforcement in this investigation since 2010, when an Agency inspector performing routine follow-up on a LUST site in McLean County discovered remediation measures which were billed and paid for from the LUST fund, were never done.

Illinois EPA referred the matter to the Illinois State Police (ISP) which, upon discovering the much larger scope of the scheme, contacted the Criminal Investigation Division of the United States Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a joint state/federal investigation, eventually seeking the assistance of the U.S. Attorney's Office for Central District of Illinois and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The FBI assumed the lead in the investigation and has worked closely with the prosecutor, Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick D. Hansen.

Eric M. Andrews, Joel C. Andrews, Michael R. Keebler, Duane L. Keebler and Joseph R. Keebler were indicted Wednesday on various criminal charges of participating in an ongoing pattern of mail fraud, wire fraud and conspiracy for a period of years in connection with the submission to Illinois EPA of inflated, false or fictitious claims for the payment of costs of LUST site investigation and remediation.

Among other things, the indictments allege that the defendants padded subcontractor invoices by increasing the amount of work done and price charged, created invoices for work that was not done at all and committed bid rigging by setting the amounts of allegedly competitive bids obtained from affiliated, and even fictitious, companies.

Conspiracy is a felony that carries a potential sentence of a fine and imprisonment of up to five years, while felony mail fraud carries a potential of a fine and imprisonment of up to 20 years. In addition to the potential fines and imprisonment faced by the defendants, the indictment against Keebler and the Andrews brothers seeks forfeiture of seventeen parcels of real estate and twenty-six bank, security and trust accounts attributable to allegedly ill-gotten gains, as well as a personal money judgment against the defendants in the amount of $13,614,060.29.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; each defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty. For more information about the criminal case, contact the U.S. Attorney's Office in Springfield at (217) 492-4450. For more information about the LUST program, visit http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/lust/introduction.html.

# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Robert L. Compton**

Mass was said at St. Christopher Church, Midlothian, on Tuesday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Robert L. Compton.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy, his children Joe (Linda) Compton, Jim (Mary) Compton, Barb Castaneda, Bev (Ed) Reiner, Bernice Brewer, Jack (Denise) Compton, Bonnie (Brian) Rudzki, Betty Compton, Jeff Compton, Brenda Compton and Beth Ann (Lewis) Foster, thirty grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, his sisters Marie Compton, Dotty Powers, JoAnna Wilke and his brothers Jack, Richard, Don and Jim Compton.

**James A. Durkin**

Mass was said at St. Barnabas Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, for James A. Durkin, 92, a veteran of the USMC in WWII serving in Guadalcanal. He was a graduate of Leo High School, Class of 1939, Past President of the Leo Alumni Association, a member of the Leo High School Hall of Fame, the Windy City Vets, and past member of St. Barnabas Men's Club. He was also a retired general foreman at Alloy Bar Mill U.S. Steel Southworks and a long time bartender at Fox's Beverly Pub and Ken's Restaurant. He was the husband of the late Julia F. and he is survived by his current wife Marilyn Millerick Durkin.

He is also survived by his son Thomas Anthony (Janis D. Roberts), six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, his stepchildren Susan Kelley, Lynne (James) Murray, Carol (Greg) Nick, Therese (Pat) Eggert, Jack (Judy) Millerick and Bob (Cecily) Millerick.

**Roger A. James**

Services were held at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park on Friday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Roger A. James, 82, A U.S Army Veteran serving in the Korean War. He was a graduate of Millikin University and Northern Illinois University. He was a retired teacher and coach with Richards High School in Oak Lawn.

He is survived by his wife Nancy, his children Gregory (Kim) and Rhea (Mike) Mestousis, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and his brother Larry (Vonie).

**Capt. Harry B. Jison**

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Thursday, with a private interment, for Capt. Harry B. Jison. He was a mechanical engineer and a commercial pilot formerly with Philippine Airlines for five years and Philippine Aerotransport Inc. for four years.

He is survived by his wife Dr. Asuncion Gonzales-Jison, his daughter Dr. Maria Leonor (Christopher Reiter PhD) Jison and Jeffrey Jison, two grandchildren and his sister Lilian Montemola-Lasher.

**Oliver William Johnson**

Services will be held at the Colonial Chapel, 15825 S. 73rd Avenue in Orland Park for Oliver William "Little Monkey" Johnson, on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 3 to 9 p.m. He was 7 months old.

He is survived by his parents Mark Johnson and Melanie Rozwalka, his grandparents Tony and Monica Rozwalka and Dave (Kim) Mager and Rhonda Johnson. He was the great-grandson, great-great-grandson, nephew and cousin to many.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial donations to the family would be appreciated. Payable to Dave or Kim Mager, 14348 S. Lawndale Ave., Midlothian, IL 60445.

**Rae-Corrine Mazurek**

Interment was held in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Rae-Corrine Mazurek. She was 91. She was born in Rockford and was a long-time resident of Mokena.

She is survived by her husband Edwin, her children Susan Rae Krapf, and John Raymond Mazurek, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**Caryle Gloria Ness**

Services were held in Orland Park, with interment at Chapel Hills Garden South Cemetery, for Caryle Gloria Ness, 88, of Archer Ft., formerly of Oak Forest. She was well-known as a librarian at the Oak Lawn Public Library where she was employed for 25 years. She was retired in 1987. She sang in the church choir and was a Sunday school teacher. She was the wife of the late Leo.

She is survived by her children Norman (Cherilyn), Deborah and Paul (Jolene), eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

**William C. Pellegrini Jr.**

Mass was said at St. Terrence Church, Alsip, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for William C. Pellegrini Jr.

He is survived by his wife Dolores, his children Christine, William III and Louis, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and his brother Guy (Jean) Pellegrini.

**Meryl V. Polensky**

A memorial service was held at the All Saints Lutheran Church, Orland Park, on Saturday, for Meryl V. Polensky, 87, of Palos Park and formerly of Evergreen Park.

She is survived by her children James D. Polensky and David W. (Sharon) Polensky and three grandchildren.

**Donald J. Putlak**

Mass was said at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, Evergreen Park, on Saturday, for Donald J. Putlak, 84, of Evergreen Park. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife Shirley, his children Gregg (Ann), David (Lucy) and Ronald (Paulette), eight grandchildren and his sister Lorraine (Bernard) Kash.

**John Reynolds**

Mass was said at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Evergreen Park, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for John "Jack" Reynolds, 93, a Veteran of WWII serving as a Lt. in the US Navy. He was a 30 year employee of US News and World Report serving as Western Manager. He was a member of the Agate Club and the Tavern Club. In WWII he participated in six major invasions in the South Pacific aboard the S.S. Thubin. He was a volunteer with the Executive Service Corps.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy, his children Patty (Dan) Walsh, Phil (Cathy), Brian (Barbara), Gary (Paula) and Michael (Maureen), sixteen grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren.

**Edward J. Signore**

A Graveside Service was held on Monday at the Bethania Cemetery, Justice, for Edward J. "Joe" Signore, 73.

He is survived by his wife of Kanella Signore, his children Edward, Tony and Joseph Signore and Elaine Schima and ten grandchildren.

**Patricia J. Stansik**

A Memorial Mass was held Monday at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, with a private interment for Patricia J. Stansik of Oak Lawn. Patricia was a past Oak Lawn Chamber Board Member representing the Oak Lawn Park District.

She is survived by her husband Robin, her children Merrit (Michael), Cathy, Cydney, Justen (Dave) and twelve grandchildren.


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## Affordable Care Act Community Seminar

There will be a Community Seminar regarding the Affordable Care Act at Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner, on Saturday, Nov. 16th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A panel of health care experts will assist with enrollment questions and provide needed information. If there are any further questions or concerns with regard to this seminar you may contact the church office at (708) 423-9717. The seminar is open to church members and friends and people in the greater Oak Lawn community who might benefit from this information.

## *Host Senior Dinner Dance*

**Tickets for the annual Moonlight Harvest Senior Citizen Dance, an event that attracts hundreds, at Shepard High School are now available.**

**Tickets will cost $8. This year's dance will be Saturday, Nov. 16 from 4 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Due to the need to plan how much food to order, seniors must purchase tickets in advance – they cannot buy them at the door.**

**Seniors may order by mail by sending a check payable to 'Shepard High School' to Jennifer Klein, Shepard High School, 13049 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights, IL 60463. Tickets will be sent in the mail to the person ordering.**

**Seniors also can buy tickets in the assistant principals' office at Shepard during school hours. Shepard is located at 13049 S. Ridgeland Avenue, Palos Heights.**

**Designed to emulate a big band dinner dance, this event features entertainment by the Teddy Lee Orchestra. The Moonlight Harvest Dance also features dinner, dancing, and bingo.**

**Leo Club, the high school affiliate of Lions Clubs International, sponsors the Moonlight Harvest Dance.**

## Join The Oak Lawn Garden Club

Join the Oak Lawn Garden Club on Thursday, Nov. 21st. Meeting starts promptly at 9:30 a.m. at the Oakview Center, 4625 West 110th St.

The presentation will be Making Gardening "Fairy" much fun.

Jami Haws has been creating fairy gardens to delight children for years. Now she is teaching adults how to use natural materials to make beautiful fairy gardens.

There is a $5 fee for non members.

More information about the Garden Club can be found at www.oaklawngardenclub.org.

## Time Running Out On Amnesty Period

Been taking multiple exemptions on the tax bill for your house? Time is running out on the amnesty Period to repay those "mistakes."

Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios is encouraging residents who have received erroneous property tax exemptions to take advantage of the amnesty period that allows taxpayers to report and pay back the erroneous savings without penalties or interest.

After Dec. 31, 2013, the Assessor's office will investigate erroneous exemptions that have gone unreported and require the taxpayer to pay additional fees and interest on their savings or face civil or criminal prosecution.

"If someone has been getting an erroneous exemption, now is the time to come forward and correct the situation during the amnesty period," Berrios said. "I want to make sure taxpayers are all paying their fair share of property taxes, no more and no less."

In Illinois, a person is allowed to collect an exemption only on the home that is his or her primary residence in the United States. A new law initiated by Assessor Berrios and approved by Governor Quinn will give Cook County the means to recoup funds from those who have improperly received homeowner, senior, disabled persons' or disabled veterans' exemptions. The law requires an amnesty period to allow taxpayers who wrongly claimed one or two erroneous exemptions to repay the savings by the end of the year. Those who claimed three or more exemptions in error are not eligible for amnesty.

Assessor Berrios proposed the measure shortly after taking office when his administration noticed a high volume of e-mails and anonymous phone calls reporting that people were improperly receiving exemptions. In the vast majority of those cases, the claims were proven to be true. Since taking effect on July 1, 2013, the Assessor's Office has billed over $1 million for erroneous exemption savings received by taxpayers.

"The success of the amnesty program in the last three months has illustrated just how much this new law was needed," Berrios said. "Prior to this law, we had no means to recover the money taxpayers unfairly received and nothing to deter them from claiming erroneous exemptions in the future."

Taxpayers may visit the Assessor's Web site at www.cookcountyassessor.com to obtain additional information regarding the amnesty period and how to report erroneous exemption savings they have received. The Web site also allows taxpayers to anonymously report erroneous exemptions they may be aware of to ensure that all taxpayers pay their fair share.

Notice of the amnesty was provided in the second-installment tax bills that were mailed in July and was also published in area newspapers.

The $1,000,000, once collected, will be returned to local taxing bodies such as schools and local governing taxing bodies.

"At a time when schools and local municipalities are severely struggling with budget issues, it will be helpful for this money to go back to serving the community," Berrios said. "This new law will not only have a dramatic and positive impact on schools and other local taxing bodies but will also greatly benefit taxpayers throughout the county."

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 11 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 12 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 12 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 12 – Tuesday – VFW 8220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 13 – Wednesday – Free Blood Pressure Screenings, Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95th St., 10 to 11 a.m.

NOVEMBER 13 – Wednesday – Fall Bazaar, Hometown Christian Women's Fellowship, Hometown Christian Church, 4340 W. 87th St., 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

NOVEMBER 13 – Wednesday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 14 – Thursday – Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 14 – Thursday – Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 18 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 19 – Tuesday – Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 19 – Tuesday – OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, Lower Level Rotary Room, 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 19 – Tuesday – Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 20 – Wednesday – Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room 119, 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 21 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 26 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 26 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 27 – Wednesday – Green Team Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.


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# *Bank Employees Collect Donations From The Public With A Local Veteran*

**This Veterans Day, you can honor those who have sacrificed by serving the families they leave behind. Through scholarships and other financial assistance, The Folds of Honor Foundation gives back to the spouses and children of soldiers killed or disabled in service to our country. Nearly one million of these family members don't qualify for federal scholarship assistance. You can support the family members of wounded or fallen soldiers from the Chicagoland area. Stop in to any Chicagoland Fifth Third Bank and make a donation to the Folds of Honor Foundation through Nov. 15.**

**For more information visit www.53vets.com.**

**Fifth Third Bank's commitment to support those who serve our country is long standing. This year in partnership with the Folds of Honor Foundation, The Heart of a Marine Foundation, USO of Illinois, War Dogs Making it Home, Vietnam Moving Wall and the Pritzker Military Museum, bank employees will host the annual "Veterans Day of Appreciation" at Union Station on Monday, Nov. 11th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All area veterans and active duty are encouraged and welcome to come and enjoy free food, great entertainment and more. This year the bank will host a "pop up" USO Welcome Center where bank employees will serve a free lunch to veterans and active duty troops. The bank is also giving away 150 Thanksgiving dinners to local military families who are currently enduring financial hardship. On Veterans Day, veterans and active duty who attend the event will be entered to win one of five Thanksgiving themed gift baskets (value of $150 each).**

**Fifth Third Bank is also the proud sponsor of The Moving Wall Vietnam Veterans Memorial (Thurs., Nov. 7-Mon., Nov. 11), a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. that will exhibit at 1201 W. New York St. in Aurora. The Wall is engraved with the names of 58,282 Americans who perished in the Vietnam War or are still unaccounted for (Prisoners of War and Missing in Action). The Moving Wall was last in the area 24 years ago, when more than 150,000 people visited. vietnammovingwallaurora.org.**

**"Every single person that lives in the United States benefits from the hard work, commitment and sacrifice of our nation's soldiers," said Robert A. Sullivan, president & CEO, Fifth Third Bank (Chicago). "We're excited to invite the community to join us in demonstrating our gratitude to those who serve in the military through our fundraising campaign and related events."**

# "Give Thanks, Give Food"

Chicago Trolley Co. gives back this holiday season with the 2nd annual "Give Thanks, Give Food" drive supporting the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Trolley patrons are invited to bring a non-perishable food item to the Magnificent Mile Trolley stop (401 N. Michigan) now through Nov. 24th and will receive $5 off the regular price of an Explore Chicago ticket to Chicago Trolley's Signature Hop-On, Hop-Off Sightseeing Tour. For more information, visit www.chicagotrolley.com or call 773-648-5000.

"Chicago Trolley aims to fill an entire trolley with non-perishable items in order to give back to the city that we tour each and every day," said President of Chicago Trolley Co. Jim Schwartz. "On Monday, Nov. 25th it will be our privilege to have Chicago Trolley employees deliver all collected food to the Greater Chicago Food Depository just in time for the Thanksgiving Holiday."

The Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago's food bank, is a nonprofit food distribution and training center providing food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in the community. The Food Depository distributes donated and purchased food through a network of 650 pantries, soup kitchens and shelters to 678,000 adults and children in Cook County every year. Last year, the Food Depository distributed 66 million pounds of nonperishable food and fresh produce, dairy products and meat, the equivalent of 150,000 meals every day. Innovative training programs and initiatives developed by the Food Depository also work to provide men, women and children with the tools necessary to break their individual cycles of poverty.

The Signature Hop-On, Hop-Off Sightseeing Tour covers 13 miles with 13 stops, giving patrons the option of visiting Chicago's hottest retail, cultural and family attractions. Among the stops on the Signature Tour are Skydeck Chicago, the famed museum campus (Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium and Adler Planetarium), the historic Chicago Theater, Millennium Park, Water Tower Place, The Art Institute, Navy Pier and the John Hancock Observatory. The full downtown tour is approximately two hours riding time, with all day access to hop on and off. Tours operate daily with vehicles departing the designated stops every 25-30 minutes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round. The last boarding call is 4 p.m. daily during the winter months. There are no tours Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Explore Chicago Tickets are $45 for adults, $40 for seniors (65+) and military personnel and $17 for children 11 and under (children under 3 ride free). Tickets can be purchased from Chicago Trolley & Double Decker red-vested ticketing sales agents posted in multiple locations throughout the city or online at www.chicagotrolley.com. Riders will save 10% off of regular rates when purchasing tickets in advance online.

# *Commissioner Gorman Inducted Into Mother McAuley Hall Of Fame*

**Cook County Commissioner Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman (pictured) has been selected as a member of the inaugural class for induction into Mother McAuley High School's McAuley Hall of Honor. The Mother McAuley/Saint Xavier Academy Alumnae Association hosted the school's first annual All-Class Reunion and McAuley Hall Induction ceremony on Nov. 2nd.**

**"I'm deeply honored by this recognition and to be a part of the inaugural class with such a distinguished group of fellow McAuley alumnae and staff is a truly special moment," said Commissioner Gorman.**

**The ceremony recognized the first-ever inductees, nominees and nominators of McAuley Hall, the school's new Hall of Honor. Inductees were chosen from numerous submissions. McAuley Hall will be a permanent installation at the school, serving to educate and inspire current and future students, and all who visit the school. Commissioner Gorman joins with the following members of the inaugural class:**

**Sheila Taaffe Reynolds, '39, graduating from Saint Xavier Academy (former name of McAuley), Sheila Taaffe Reynolds had an ear for languages. She became a cryptographer, decoding messages sent from Japanese shipping yards during World War II.**

**Sharon R. Chester, '60, with roots at McAuley and wings all over the world, Sharon Chester traveled to numerous countries as a Pan American flight attendant and as a researcher, becoming an accomplished author. She's written over 15 natural history books and travel guides and is an ornithologist, having seen every species of bird.**

**Sister Brian Costello, RSM, credited with designing the liberal arts curriculum that McAuley still teaches today, Sister Brian Costello has been involved in all facets of Catholic education from teacher to principal to superintendent. McAuley continues to honor her legacy by bestowing the prestigious Brian Costello Award to a senior each year.**

**Karen Murphy, MD, '68, although Dr. Karen Murphy was diagnosed with polio as a child, she didn't let her illness define her. After graduating from McAuley in 1968, she became a Fulbright scholar and attended medical school at Northwestern University later in life, well after college, so she could live her passion helping others as a family doctor.**

**Nancy Cunningham Benacci '73, upon graduating from McAuley in 1973, Nancy Cunningham Benacci attended John Carroll University and is currently Director of Equity Research for KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. in Cleveland, Ohio. She leads the 65-person Research Department, which focuses on companies in the consumer, energy, basic materials, industrial, and real estate sectors.**

**Sylvia Reed Curran, '75, American Diplomat Sylvia Reed Curran's lifetime advantage began once she graduated from McAuley in 1975. She has served the United States for more than 25 years as the Charge d'Affaires to Turkmenistan and United States Counsel General to Vladivostok, Russia, where she currently resides.**

**Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman (pictured), '83, graduating from McAuley in 1983, Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman's foray into government began in 2002 when she was elected Cook County Board Commissioner. Although she already held a bachelor of arts in marketing from St. Mary's University of Minnesota, she made the conscious decision to further her education and received an EMBA from the University of Notre Dame in 2008. Ms. Gorman is in her third term as Commissioner.**

**Dr. Roz Iasillo and the EcoMacs, teaching for more than 25 years, Dr. Roz Iasillo previously served as Department Chair of Natural & Health Sciences, and now serves as S.T.E.M. Coordinator. She developed and currently oversees the environmental science club, EcoMacs. In 2010, Dr. Roz (as she's affectionately called by students) oversaw Operation Haiti, in which the EcoMacs built a biodiesel processor for a school in Haiti after the area suffered a devastating earthquake.**

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# Procedures For Driver's License For Undocumented Individuals

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced on Oct 29th that the Temporary Visitor Driver's License (TVDL) for undocumented (non-visa status) individuals will be available by appointment only during a pilot program beginning in early December at four select Driver Services facilities, with a full rollout schedule in January. Joining Secretary White at the press conference were state legislators.

Beginning Nov. 12th, TVDL applicants may schedule an appointment by calling (855) 236-1155 or visiting www.cyberdriveillinois.com. Advance appointments are required at all designated facilities; walk-ins will not be served.

In December, the first phase of the rollout begins at four locations that will serve scheduled appointments. As of December 1, the TVDL locations are Chicago West, 5301 W. Lexington Ave. and Springfield, 2701 S. Dirksen Pkwy. Starting on December 10 locations at Chicago North, 5401 N. Elston Ave. and Bloomington, 1510 W. Market St. will be open. In January 2014, the second phase of the TVDL rollout will be available for scheduled appointments at 21 additional designated facilities statewide. For a complete list of locations, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Public Act 97-1158, signed into law by Governor Quinn earlier this year, established a TVDL for undocumented individuals. The law authorized the Secretary of State's office to administer the program and provided a minimum 10-month delayed effective date for implementation.

"As soon as the General Assembly passed and the governor signed this legislation into law, my office began planning to implement the program in a way that improves road safety, highlights customer service and underscores the importance of license integrity and security," White said. "Through driver license testing, verification of identity, and maintenance of accurate motorist records, this law will improve road safety and guarantee that more drivers will purchase and maintain auto insurance."

White highlighted the differences between a standard driver's license and a TVDL. While the standard driver's license has a red border on top and may be used for driving and identification purposes, the TVDL has a purple border on top and the card is marked "Not valid for identification." Without auto insurance, the TVDL is invalid.

Applicants must follow specific guidelines for obtaining a TVDL, which include:

- Scheduling an appointment with the Secretary of State Driver Services facility online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com or by calling (855) 236-1155.
- Presenting various documents providing: valid passport from the applicant's native country or a Consular Identification Card from an approved country, proof of name, written signature, date of birth, current address and 12 months of consecutive residency in Illinois.
- Purchase auto insurance upon receiving TVDL.

A photo of the applicant will be taken and then processed through the state's facial recognition database. After the documents have been verified for authenticity, applicants will receive their TVDL through U.S. mail at a later date.

"I want to reassure the public that my office is implementing this law thoughtfully, efficiently and effectively," said White. "Over the last 10 months, we worked in collaboration with community organizations and have developed thorough procedures to ensure that the TVDL is a safe and secure document."

Accompanying attachments to this press release include a Quick Guide with a list of documents required to apply for a TVDL, facility locations that will service TVDL applicants, and a flyer illustrating the differences between a TVDL and a standard Illinois driver's license.

# Tinley Moraine Genealogists Meet

The Tinley Moraine Genealogists will meet on Thursday, Nov. 14th at the Tinley Park Library, 7851 Timber Drive (80th Ave. and 180th St.). Guests are welcome. Doors open at 6:15, business meeting at 6:45 and the program begins at 7 p.m.

The program will be "Cemeteries Around Chicagoland." Discover the meaning behind grave symbols, find out what famous people are buried nearby, and hear local stories and legends as you take a visual tour of what lies beneath.

The guest speaker is Kevin Korst, the Local History Coordinator for the Oak Lawn Public Library and author of "Images of America: Oak Lawn". He holds a Bachelor's degree in American History from the University of St. Francis and a Master's degree in American History from Eastern Illinois University.

For more information, call Kathy Kucharski, President, at (815) 806-1343.

# *Stanley Cup Time*

**Michael Barrett, a prominent attorney with Barrett & Sramek Law Firm and the Illinois Supervisor of Officials for the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois and USA Hockey, along with Hockey Hall of Famer and former Manager of the Chicago Black Hawks, Dennis Savard, share a moment with the one and only Stanley Cup.**


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## Lipinski Helps Pass Bill To Create Jobs

As the state's most senior member on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-3) has helped to pass the bipartisan Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA). The Act will create jobs by rebuilding our water transportation system and includes many benefits to the region, such as allowing the City of Chicago to proceed with redeveloping a key section of Lake Michigan lakefront. Rep. Lipinski also cosponsored an amendment to the bill to help prevent the spread of Asian carp to the Great Lakes.

"This legislation is an important step toward making long overdue repairs to our harbors, locks, and dams, while deauthorizing those facilities that no longer make sense to spend our scarce resources on. I am especially proud to have helped introduce an amendment aimed at eliminating the threat of damage to the fragile Great Lakes ecosystem and $7 billion fishing industry that could be caused by Asian carp," Rep. Lipinski said. "I am honored to have worked closely with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass this bill that will give our inland waterways a much-needed boost, generate economic development and create jobs. WRRDA exemplifies what can happen when all sides get together, build consensus, and compromise in order to get things done on behalf of the American people."

Under the amendment Rep. Lipinski cosponsored, federal agencies would be required to partner with state and local governments to develop best practices to eliminate the spread of Asian carp through activities like contract fishing and pesticide application. Rep. Lipinski earlier helped to pass legislation that enabled the construction of a 13-mile system of barriers in his district to prevent the invasive species from being swept from the Des Plaines River and the IAM Canal to the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal during heavy rains and flooding.

WRRDA authorizes projects to maintain the country's ports and shipping infrastructure. It also sets environmental policy for the Army Corps of Engineers. The last time the legislation passed was in 2007, resulting in a backlog of projects and system maintenance. In Illinois alone, roughly $81 billion in goods are shipped through our waterways and ports, helping to support 48,195 jobs, according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The bill, as a savings to taxpayers, deauthorizes $12 billion worth of old, inactive projects and facilities, including Dime Pier just south of Navy Pier, paving the way for the City of Chicago to rebuild that portion of the lakefront.

The Senate passed its version of WRRDA in May. With passage in the House, both bills now head to a conference committee to be reconciled.

## Open "The Warehouse" To Illinois Taxpayers

Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka recently launched "The Warehouse," a comprehensive online database that puts local government financial information and tens of thousands of records at a single location for taxpayer review.

Speaking in Chicago at the first stop of a three-day, seven community announcement, Topinka explained that the Comptroller's Office collects financial reports from 5,200 counties, municipalities and special taxing districts across the state. In creating The Warehouse, she has made those records and other pertinent local financial information collected by her office immediately available to residents.

"The Warehouse" is available at warehouse.illinoiscomptroller.com.

"This user-friendly database allows taxpayers to scour our office 'Warehouse' from wherever they are located," Topinka said. "There is no reason that residents should have to file Freedom of Information requests or sort through mountains of paper to see how their money is being spent. That information should be at their fingertips, and that's what 'The Warehouse' accomplishes."

Warehouse visitors are able to search records by report type, unit of government or community name. Once a local government is selected, users will be taken to a landing page where they can view a snapshot of local finances, Annual Financial Reports and Audits. The site also offers a "compare data" feature allowing visitors to see how one government stacks up against another.

The unveiling of "The Warehouse" follows Topinka's launch last year of a similar transparency web site for state finances, The Ledger, which allows taxpayers to click their way through everything from the state's daily receipts and bill backlog numbers to state agency budgets and an employee salary database.

Both initiatives are part of Topinka's ongoing effort to increase transparency and accountability in state and local government. In 2012, she successfully pushed for legislation requiring local governments to file Annual Financial Reports electronically, and implementing penalties for late reports. Last Spring, she worked to pass similar legislation for TIF Districts.

"The fact is that government acts more responsibly when it knows people are watching," Topinka said. "The Warehouse builds on the tremendous success of The Ledger – and let me assure you, we're not done yet."

## Secretary Of State Offices To Close For Veterans' Day Holiday

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that all offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11th in observance of Veterans' Day.

Driver Service facilities that are normally open Tuesday through Saturday will be closed on Saturday, Nov. 9th.

All driver service facilities will be open for business on Tuesday, Nov. 12th.

Individuals can visit the Secretary of State's website, www.cyberdriveillinois.com, to change an address, register to become an organ and tissue donor or renew license plate stickers by mail.

## All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

State Senator Emily Jones III (14th Dist.) sent All Points the following statement regarding the west suburban developer ALM Resources' interest in acquiring more than 320 acres of land in one of south suburban Chicagoland's most economically challenged villages, Robbins. The Village of Robbins, which resides in Senator Jones' district, needs to acquire property that includes about 100 single-family homes that have housed families living in Robbins for generations.

ALM plans on redeveloping the land to create an industrial megaplex complete with a limestone quarry, an underground mine, asphalt and concrete factories and a therapy horse ranch, according to an agreement village officials quietly approved this year.

Currently, the project has been stalled because legislative action from state lawmakers is needed for the "quick-take" process to occur.

"I don't intend to move forward with any legislation or support any measure brought before the General Assembly that forces the people of Robbins from their homes for this redevelopment project," Jones said. "ALM stands to make billions from this project and only wants to give residents a fraction of their homes value.

The people of Robbins deserve a more transparent process that allows them to decide rather than a bureaucratic injunction. It's important that we work together to ensure that the residents of Robbins aren't displaced and "the process isn't undermined."

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State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins (D-Chicago 16th) secured Senate passage this week of legislation that will extend by two years the part of state law that requires a judge to set aside a foreclosure sale if the bank disregards the existence of a loan modification agreement or the homeowner's request for a modification through a federal foreclosure assistance program.

The Home Affordable Modification Program, part of the federal Making Home Affordable package of foreclosure assistance options, allows homeowners threatened with foreclosure to make mortgage payments that fit within their budgets. Most loan modifications involve a lower interest rate, but more than half extend the repayment term, and almost a third involve principal forbearance. A related program, HAMP-PRA (Principal Reduction Alternative), allows for part of the loan's principal to be forgiven for some borrowers. The goal is to reduce the monthly payment to 31 percent or less of the homeowner's gross monthly income.

Under state law, if a financial institution fails to adhere to the rules of the federal program and proceeds with a foreclosure action even though the borrower has requested assistance through HAMP and or complied with an existing loan modification agreement, the homeowner can ask a judge to invalidate the sale of the home. Collins' legislation extends the sunset date on that provision from December 31, 2013, to December 31, 2015.

Senate Bill 1045, which passed without opposition in the Senate, is now under consideration in the House.

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Friends of Dennis M. Magee, Mayor of Merrionette Park, will host a cocktail reception in his honor on Monday, Nov. 11th, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at 415 Bourbon Street, 3359 W. 115th St., in Merrionette Park. Tickets are $50 each.

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The Country Daisy Flowers & Gift Shop, located in the Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, will host their Holiday Open House this Saturday (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) and Sunday (Noon to 5 p.m.), Nov. 9 & 10. Gifts include ornaments, wreaths, trees, pottery, candles, lamps, and framed prints. Browse thru an assortment of unique decorations for your holiday celebration.

The Country Daisy Flowers & Gifts address is 5570 W. 95th St., in Oak Lawn. For information, call (708) 423-2004.

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The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will host their November Luncheon next Tuesday (the 12th), at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. This month's guest speaker is Oak Lawn Police Chief Murray. Chief Murray will address "Keeping Your Business Safe." Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.; Lunch at noon. For information, call the Chamber at (708) 424-8300 or go online to www.oaklawnchamber.com.

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South Suburban College is holding open registration for the Spring 2014 Semester now for classes starting Monday, January 13, 2014. Early student registration is encouraged to ensure a seat in class sections of choice.

SSC is located at 15800 South State Street, South Holland. A comprehensive schedule of evening and weekend classes will be available this spring at the college's Oak Forest extension site, located at 16333 S. Kilbourn, Oak Forest.

Students who plan to use financial aid as payment must have an official high school or GED transcript on file. Official transcripts must have a school seal and graduation date on them. Transcripts can be hand-delivered to the Admissions Office or mailed to: Office of Admissions (15800 South State Street, South Holland, IL 60473). If a transcript is hand-delivered it must be in the original sealed, unopened envelope.

New students should visit the Admissions Office in Room 2348 to complete the Application Form, or download it from www.ssc.edu and fax to (708) 225-5823 along with a current state issued ID to begin the enrollment process. New students will receive an SSC email account and a "My SSC" Username & Password via email which will allow access to the online schedule and class registration. The "MY SSC" portal allows students 24-hour access during college closed periods.

For more information about programs, admissions and registration, visit www.ssc.edu or contact the Admissions Office at (708) 210-5718.

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Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy is hosting an Energy & Information Fair Thursday, Nov. 14th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Biela Center 4545 Midlothian Turnpike in Crestwood. Applications for LIHEAP (low income home energy assistance program) will be processed at the Energy Fair. Meet representatives from Ceda, Nicor, and Comed to discuss other payment options to avoid disconnection. Useful information will be provided from area Social Service Organizations.

Federal funds are available to families that qualify. One time payments are made directly to Nicor and Comed to provide financial support to households. The winter season is just around the corner and along with the cold comes higher energy bills. The application is fast and easy.

When applying you MUST bring proof of gross income for the last 30 days. Original Social Security cards for all household members. Current Nicor and Comed utility bills.

For LIHEAP questions call CEDA 1800-571-2332. For event information contact Commissioner Murphy's Office at (708) 389-2125.

# Collegiate Regional Conference

**Northwestern College recently hosted the American Criminal Justice Association Lambda Alpha Epsilon Region 6 Conference at its Bridgeview Campus. In total, 128 students from 16 schools and 6 states participated in the three day event, which included written and physical competitions testing their knowledge and skills. Students and law enforcement professionals competed in events involving firearms, physical agility, crime scene investigations, and written competitions in five disciplines. The theme for this year's Conference was, "CSI: TV vs. REALITY."**

**Northwestern College's Zeta Sigma Alpha Chapter (the "Criminal Justice Club") and their Chapter Advisor Mark Mitchell (a Northwestern College Assistant Professor and retired Lieutenant of the Palos Hills Police Department) served as hosts of the annual conference. They registered and welcomed each student and professional, proctored tests, managed the physical agility course and timings, and provided food and maps to all of the weekend's participants as they were bustled to multiple locations in the south suburban region.**

**Criminal Justice students from colleges in 6 states competed in the Firearms Competition of the American Criminal Justice Association's Collegiate Regional Conference which was hosted at Northwestern College's Bridgeview Campus. Pictured: a student shoots at a target while a volunteer law enforcement professional remained close by as a safety administrator. The Firearms Competition was conducted at the Blue Island Police Department's firing range.**

**During the course of the three day competition, students also had the opportunity to visit several law enforcement sites including the Cook County Department of Corrections in Chicago; the Illinois Department of Corrections - Stateville Correctional Center in Joliet; the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center in Chicago; and the Chicago Police Academy. The weekend concluded with an Awards Banquet at Hibachi Grill/Sushi Buffet City in Oak Lawn.**

## 100th Anniversary Of Chicago's Christmas Tree

The City of Chicago is thrilled to announce that the Moore Family Tree from South Holland, Illinois was selected to serve as this year's Christmas tree on Daley Plaza. The 57-foot Colorado blue spruce will be lit at the 100th Anniversary of Chicago's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 26. The program will begin at 5 p.m. with live performances headlined by Darlene Love followed by the lighting ceremony at 6 p.m.

Terri Moore and her daughters, Kirsten (11) and Taylor (8), will join Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Santa Claus, sponsor UI, and special guests to light the tree. The Moore Family was encouraged by family and friends to submit their tree this year. "This is truly a blessing," said Terri Moore.

The tree will be cut down on Thursday, Nov. 7 and on Friday, Nov. 8. It will be delivered to Daley Plaza at 7 p.m. (time subject to change). Chicago's Christmas tree will be on display at Daley Plaza through Jan. 9, 2014.

In 1913, the first Christmas tree was a gift to the residents of Chicago from an associate of Captain Herman Scheunemann and was lit in his honor. He was the captain of the Rouse Simmons, known as the "Christmas Tree Ship." The ship was lost in a storm on Lake Michigan on Nov. 23, 1912.

The first municipal Christmas tree was lit on Dec. 24, 1913 by Mayor Carter H. Harrison in Grant Park. The tree was a 35-foot Douglas Spruce placed on 40-foot poles and studded with smaller trees to give the appearance of a much larger tree. It was decorated with 600 multi-colored lights and topped with the Star of Bethlehem.

Since 2009, Chicago's Christmas tree has been a single tree donated by a Chicago-area family. During the summer and early fall, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events received more than 90 submissions from Chicago-area residents who hoped that their tree would be selected to shine on Daley Plaza during the holidays. The tree was selected with the assistance of The Brickman Group (landscaping tree professionals).

# Wine And Cheese Celebration

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School, 9833 S. Throop St. in Chicago, invites you to attend a Wine and Cheese Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 16th to celebrate a new day at the school on the feast of its patroness, St. Margaret of Scotland. Mass will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the church followed by a reception in the school cafeteria from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Wine, cheese, and light refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to alumni and friends of St. Margaret of Scotland School.

Please RSVP to kpowers@stmoschicago.org as soon as possible.

# Bunco Social For Vets

The Fourth District American Legion is sponsoring a Card & Bunco Social on Saturday, Nov. 9th at Argo Summit Post #735, 6050 S. Harlem Ave. in Summit.

This is a benefit for active military, hospitalized veterans, nurses' scholarships and other programs. Doors open at noon, the donation is only $3.50. FREE coffee and cakes, and lunch will be available for a minimal fee. There will be a 50/50 cash raffle and raffle tables. The public is invited. For more information, call (815) 830-5028.

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Our federal courts are quickly finding it difficult to carry out their duties and responsibilities as set forth in the Constitution and acts of Congress because of funding shortfalls. I am joining the presidents of the state bar associations in Ohio, New Jersey, New York, Wisconsin, Nevada and Florida to urge members of Congress to end the devastating cuts to federal court funding.

It's no secret that our federal courts have been forced to downsize, furlough staff and scale back programs in the government's attempt to balance the budget. The most troubling aspect of these cuts is that they literally imperil the judiciary, a co-equal branch of government.

Cuts in staffing have resulted in slower processing of civil and bankruptcy cases in some courts. This affects individuals, small businesses and corporations which are unable to have legal matters heard in a timely fashion. Continued cuts to the federal defender's office directly affect a defendant's Sixth Amendment right to legal counsel and a speedy trial.

Funding cuts have also impacted court security, drug testing, substance use disorder, and mental health treatment programs, as well as parole and probation services, all of which could lead to an increased risk to public safety.

On behalf of the 32,000 members of the Illinois State Bar Association, I ask Illinois residents to write to their Congressmen, urging them to make adequate court funding a priority. Our system of justice and our citizens deserve no less.

Paula H. Holderman, President
Illinois State Bar Association

# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## "To Kill A Mocking Bird"

Lewis University's Philip Lynch Theatre (PLT) presents Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird" adapted for the stage by Christopher Sergel. This timeless tale of the innocence of childhood and a poignant look at justice will run for eight performances from Nov. 15 through Nov. 24. The drama provides a portrait of the human spirit, as told through the eyes of a young girl growing up in fictional Maycomb, Alabama in 1935.

Told through the perspective of eight-year old Scout (played by 10 year old Lauren Klump of Plainfield), "To Kill a Mockingbird" is set in a small southern town during the Depression. She and her brother Jem (Lauren's real-life brother 12 year old Conor Klump of Plainfield) are being raised by their widower father Atticus (Kamil Borowski of Central Stickney) and by a strong-minded housekeeper Calpurnia (Sabra Thomas of Bolingbrook).

Lewis University's Theatre Department chairperson Keith White of Joliet is at the helm as director, and is leading Celeste Mackey and lighting designer Andrew Nelsen all residing in Joliet. Rounding out the artistic team is student sound designer Mary Bradley of Palos Heights, and student properties designer Alex Stewart of Orland Park. Theatre major Beth Sadler of Homer Glen is performing the duties of stage manager, and her assistant is theatre major Rachel Tau of Wood Dale.

The cast includes: Briana Reidy of Darien (Miss Maudie), Victoria Vega of Burbank (Miss Stephanie Crawford), Sylmarie Soto of Joliet (Mrs. Dubose), Austin Hill of Naperville (Boo Radley), Annie Martello of Morris (Dill), Ralph Scott Hegland of Plainfield (Heck Tate), Griffin Fitzsimons of Bartlett (Judge Taylor), Shannon Flanagan of Chicago (Reverend Sykes, Jordin Richards of Tinley Park (Mayella Ewell), Matthew Carlson of Lockport (Bob Ewell), and Tyler Senjanin of Evergreen Park (Mr. Gilmer).

Student performers Ross Reed of Country Club Hills and Kawaan Panama of Chicago are sharing to role of Tom Robinson. They will alternate performances. Reed will perform the role on Nov. 16, 20, 22 and the 8 p.m. show on Nov. 23. Panama will perform the role on Nov. 15, 17, 21, 24 and 4 p.m. Nov. 23. Students also performing in the production include: Justin Anderson of Orland Park, Faith Berry of Joliet, Allie DiMiele of New Lenox, Bryan Loehner of Essex, and Adam Ronald Jezl Sikorski of Burbank.

The show is recommended for patrons 13 years old and up. Evening performances begin at 8 p.m., while Sunday matinees begin at 2:30 p.m. A 4 p.m. matinee will be performed on Saturday, Nov. 23. Advanced ticket purchases are strongly encouraged. Tickets are $10 for adults, $9 dollars for seniors and students and $2 for Lewis students with their student IDs. Tickets are $8 for groups of 15 or more, a savings of more than 10 % off the original ticket price. Tickets are non-refundable.

For more information, patrons can check out the PLT Website, www.lewisu.edu/plt. Call the PLT box office to reserve tickets at (815) 836-5500, Monday through Friday from 1 to 4:30 p.m., or email boxoffice@lewisu.edu. The Philip Lynch Theatre is located on the main campus of Lewis University, Oremus Fine Arts Center on Route 53 in Romeoville.

## Holiday Bazaar

Get the jump on your holiday shopping with one-of-a-kind gifts at the "Jingle and Mingle Market" – a Holiday Bazaar featuring the finest crafts from local artisans and vendors. Choose from the broad array of unique products, including fabulous home decorations, fashionable accessories, and delicious gourmet treats. Appetizers and refreshments will be served.

The Market will be open on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Mount Carmel High School Consecration Center, 6410 S. Dante Avenue, Chicago.

Admission is $5, but bring a friend and they'll get in free! For more information, mcmothers clubbazaar@gmail.com

## Class Reunions

Marian Catholic – Class of 1978 will celebrate its 35-year reunion on Nov. 29th at the Flossmoor Country Club, 1441 Western Ave. Contact bmcs@sbcglobal.net

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Kelly High School – Class of January 1964 is planning a 50-year reunion and is looking for classmates. Contact William Malesky at bmalesky@comcast.net or (630) 220-1774, Laura Bohanek at ron.laura@comcast.net or (815) 462-9334; or Gerald LaBarge at jnlabarge@comcast.net or (630) 852-9371.

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St. Killian Grammar School – looking for classmates for their 55th reunion. If you graduated from St. Killian or know of someone who might be interested, contact Carol Vavil Donnelly at (708) 293-1466, email to cdvavil@sbcglobal.net or on Facebook.

## Susan Manion Is Country Music Awards Presenter

Susan Marie Manion (pictured), local singer, songwriter and business owner, was a presenter at the 19th annual Inspirational Country Music Awards held at Two Rivers, Opryland, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Susan will be on the ICM Awards broadcasts on TV Stations, which will appear world-wide, during November, December and January. Some of the stations are CMT, GAC, Direct TV Channel 363, Total Living Network, Channel 545, ICT Channel 377, NRB and other cable stations. Check your local listings for show times in Nov., Dec. and Jan.

Susan is a resident of Orland Park and owns Susan Marie's Enterprises in Orland Park, which she said is two businesses in one. One is a Janitorial Cleaning Company, and the other is Investing, both at the same location. She loves music and has received many awards. Her specialty is Inspirational and Gospel Music and she is now making a CD. Susan is in the Top 20 Southern Gospel and Top 15 Christian Country Music nationwide. You can listen to her music, read her Bio and view her pictures on www.susanmanion.com. If you would like to speak with her, call the office at (708) 675-3595 or her cell phone (708) 712-5232 or for more information email smrinc@comcast.net or susanmanion@comcast.net.


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# Health & Nutrition

Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

### THREE IMPORTANT TIPS TO HELP WITH DIABETES

Nearly 26 million people in the United States have diabetes. There is no cure, but with the proper care you can live a healthy, happy life and prevent or delay common problems associated with it. Some information you might find online and in other media locations may sound "too good to be true" and probably is. Products that have advertised themselves as an "easy fix" are tempting, and others claim to alleviate symptoms and even cure the disease. Many of them are illegal and dangerous. The Food and Drug Administration has recently cracked down on companies selling products ranging from dietary supplements to prescription drugs sold without a prescription, and natural products that were found to contain unlisted pharmaceutical ingredients.

Other important steps

***Plan your meals.*** Choose from a variety of foods including vegetables, whole grains, fruits, low fat dairy products, healthy fats, and lean meat. Consider your portions of these and space your meals throughout the day in fairly equivalent intervals. Keep your portions small, and try to save sweets for special occasions. There are no "off limit" foods with today's diabetes diet.

***Be active.*** Any type of physical activity such as walking or biking if possible is easy enough to include in a routine, so ask your doctor and work one of them into the day. Exercise boosts energy, burns calories, relieves stress and strengthens the heart. A small study of people with type 2 diabetes has suggested that regular, moderately intense exercise leads to significant decreases in abdominal fat, and fatty tissue around the liver and heart. All this reduces your risk of heart disease.

***Follow your glucose numbers.*** Careful monitoring will tell you if you are staying in your target range, and show you how dietary intake, exercise and medicine can influence your glucose levels. Keeping a written record is the best way to identify trends in your glucose level. Let your physician know your results to determine medication needs.

High blood pressure, like diabetes, can damage your blood vessels, and when cholesterol levels are also elevated, your risk of heart attack or stroke can rise.

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# TOPS Offers Outdoor Tips For Fall Fitness

The chill in the air can put a damper on your outdoor workout routine, but it doesn't have to stop you in your tracks. There are simple ways to keep your fitness going strong through the fall and approaching winter months. TOPS Club, Inc.® (Take Off Pounds Sensibly®), the nonprofit weight loss support organization, offers the following tips for how to have a safe and effective cool weather workout routine.

**1. Dress in layers.**

For best results, wear layers that can be removed and put back on as needed. Start with a thin layer of synthetic material such as polypropylene, which "wicks" sweat away from the body. For a middle layer, add fleece for insulation. Top with a waterproof, breathable layer. A good rule of thumb is to dress for a day 20 degrees warmer, this allows for the body heat generated by exercising. Wind makes a cold day feel colder, so knowing the wind chill factor can help exercisers plan what to wear on breezy days.

**2. Get the right gear.**

Trail-running shoes with deeper treads will provide better traction and help prevent slipping on wet or icy roads and sidewalks, no matter the activity. Some styles are even water-resistant and have removable spikes on the outsole. Investing in a set of winter cleats which slip on over your running sneakers will also be effective. If you're exercising while it's dark out, wear reflective clothing, too.

**3. Fire up.**

Cold temperatures make your body less flexible and more prone to injuries, so warm up – and cool down – indoors. Warm muscles burn fat more readily than cold muscles, resulting in muscle elasticity that helps prevent injuries. A warm-up also helps improve the function of the nervous system and the heart. Consider walking quickly around the room, doing jumping jacks, or jumping rope.

**4. Skip the hills and stay safe.**

Whether you're running, cross-country skiing, hiking, or snowshoeing, stick to safer routes with less risk for falls and slips. More falls occur on downhill slopes because it's difficult to stop if you hit an icy patch. Stay close to shelter, and don't go out alone. Having an exercise buddy is always a good idea for safety – and encouragement. It's a lot easier to work out in the chilly air when you have a committed friend waiting.

**5. Don't get comfortable until after your workout.**

With cool temperatures and dreary weather, it's hard not to run straight to the sofa in your most comfortable clothes following a long day. Don't settle in until you've completed your workout, though. Change from your work clothes directly into workout wear when you get home to boost your motivation and deter the temptation to curl up on the couch. Or, work on getting to bed earlier so you can exercise first thing the next morning; before a busy day is more likely to crowd out your fitness routine.

TOPS Club, Inc.® (Take Off Pounds Sensibly®) is the original weight-loss support and wellness education organization. Founded more than 65 years ago, TOPS is the only nonprofit, noncommercial weight-loss organization of its kind. TOPS promotes successful weight management with a "Real People, Real Weight Loss®" philosophy that combines support from others at weekly chapter meetings, healthy eating, regular exercise, and wellness information. TOPS has about 150,000 members – male and female, age seven and older – in thousands of chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Membership is affordable at just $28 per year in the U.S. and $32 per year in Canada, plus nominal chapter fees. To find a local chapter, view www.tops.org or call (800) 932-8677.

# Coping With The Holidays

The holiday season is primarily a time of happiness and celebration. However, when families are mourning the death of a loved one, it can be a difficult time.

The Pastoral Care Department at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is hosting a special evening to provide those who are grieving the death of a loved one with encouragement to celebrate the upcoming holiday season. The event will take place in the Mary Potter Physician's Pavilion, Lower Level Room A/B, on Wednesday, November 13th, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

"Coping with the Holidays" offers an opportunity for community members in need to gather for renewal and remembrance. The wisdom and care of Fr. Jim Heneghan, Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Chicago, will be offered. Fr. Heneghan is a nationally regarded presenter on grief and loss.

This event is free and pre-registration is required. For further information or to register, call the Pastoral Care Department at (708) 229-5484. Little Company of Mary is located at 2800 West 95th Street in Evergreen Park.

# SXU Launches New Mobile Application

Get connected, stay involved, and go mobile with Saint Xavier University's new, free mobile application!

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Sue's treatments are not covered by insurance. The continuous needs of bills along with the day to day expenses have created a massive financial burden for the Moran family. The are asking you to help Sue in her journey for life. Please consider donating food or items to be raffled at the benefit, or making a financial contribution.

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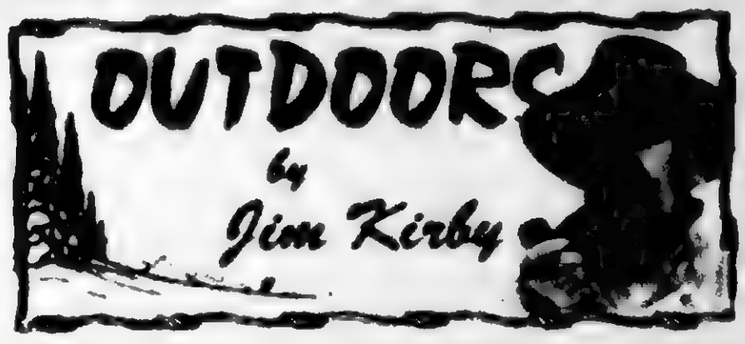


**THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY SHOOTS AN EIGHT-POINT BUCK ON HIS FIRST DEER HUNT:** On opening day of the Illinois Youth Deer Hunting Season, **Kevin Mikos**, Alsip, Illinois, accompanied his 13-year-old son **Trevor** on a deer hunt in Southern Illinois. Trevor was hunting on private property near the Shawnee National Forest. They started out sitting in a tree stand, by 10 o'clock they saw no deer, an approaching thunderstorm wisely caused them to leave the tree stand.

**Trevor Mikos with the "Bottoms Buck"**

After a coffee break and visiting with Kevin's friend Derek, the storm passed and Derek suggested they might want to hunt "the bottoms" on Derek's land, which they did. The "bottoms" were swamps, muddy with a creek running through it and heavily wooded. Taking a stand in some red oaks, Kevin watched the right and Trevor to the left. Only fifteen minutes into the hunt, a doe walked by and shortly thereafter the buck walked into view. Trevor finally saw the buck, took aim, squeezed off a round, and Kevin saw the deer go down. After waiting a few minutes a blood trail was followed and a short distance later the deer was found. Trevor had made a one-shot clean kill.

Derek heard the shot and after texting back and forth, Derek told them to stay where they were, he could get to them with his ATV and save the arduous task of dragging the buck through "the bottoms." Fifteen minutes later, Derek and his son Preston rolled in just as Kevin and Trevor finished field-dressing the deer, a beautiful eight-point buck, a trophy in every sense of the word.

The meat was taken to a processor and the head to a taxidermist who tough-scored the antlers at 130 Boone & Crocket points. The photo tells the whole story, smiling Trevor with his almost perfect eight-point buck. Shortly before the hunt, Trevor and his sister completed their hunter safety course, so Trevor was well prepared for what would be "the hunt of a lifetime" for any hunter.

The gun Trevor was shooting was a 20-gauge Remington model 870 with a rifled barrel and iron open sights. Measured off, the buck was taken at a distance of 70 yards. That was great shooting for anyone, much less a young man only 13 years old.

**MINNESOTA TEEN ALIVE FOLLOWING STATE'S FIRST CONFIRMED WOLF ATTACK:** Minnesota resident Noah Graham, 16, has been treated for head injuries and possible rabies infection after a violent encounter with a stray wolf recently. The teenager became a victim of the first recorded wolf attack in Minnesota. Noah didn't see the animal coming and only knew he was under attack when he felt the wolf biting his head.

"The wolf just came up behind Noah, he didn't hear anything, and it just grabbed him by the back of the head and wouldn't let go," Noah's father Scott Graham said. "He had to physically pry the jaws of the wolf open to get off of him."

Trappers with the U.S. Department of Agriculture were able to capture and euthanize the wolf. With growing populations, many fear that wolves will have a bigger impact on wild game, livestock, and even cause confrontations with humans.

**OUTDOOR CALENDAR:** ***Nov. 7** – Tonight, Midwest Masks Club meeting. (708) 715-1625. ***Nov. 11** – Veteran's Day (formerly Armistice Day) time to remember our fallen heroes and proudly fly our flag. ***Nov. 17** – Palos Sportsmen's Club Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot, refreshments, raffles and shooting games. (815) 469-4446. ***Nov. 22** – First firearm deer season.

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# Women Hoopsters Have The Talent To Win In 2013-14

The height is back and so is the anticipation of returning some championships in 2013-14 to Moraine Valley Community College. These past few years have not yielded the results sought after by the women's basketball team, but a talented squad and a preseason ranking of 19th in NJCAA Division II are setting the Cyclones up for an exciting year.

"This year we're going to be good. There's a real good combo of talent that will give us the ability to be flexible against other teams and dominate in other areas because we have height, speed and perimeter shooting. Last year we didn't have all those elements," said head coach Delwyn Jones who is in his 14th season at the helm.

Last year the Cyclones had a .500 conference record and 17-13 overall record, but where they wanted to end up. Although All-Conference players Kelly Foley and Stephanie Karl will be missed this season, a new, exciting lineup should keep the Cyclones in contention.

With four post players over six feet tall, two with finesse and two power players, there should be enough flexibility at the front line to maintain control of the ball. Sophomore center Amber Hunter (Evergreen Park, 6'0") is back and so far looks like the best defensive rebounder on the team. Lora and Jamilla Jones (Eisenhower, 6'0") also returns with improved skills. New in the post are 6'3" center Sarman Jaber (Argo) and Cyclone volleyball player Colleen Koll (Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, 6'1"), both of whom should be a defensive threat.

Two solid wing players return in last year's All-Conference athlete Katie McGann (Providence, 5'9") and Maggie Yandel (Stagg, 5'9"), combined with newcomer Sam Hesler (Sandburg, 5'10") to make up the top three most athletic players Jones has had on his team. They are quick, making them terrors for opponents with their fast breaks and good finishes.

There will be a battle between point guards with three vying for the coveted position. Ashley Cunningham (Eisenhower, 5'7") returns this season and is already playing harder and smarter. Her high basketball IQ will be an asset to the team. Newcomers Aileen Gorman (Marist, 5'7"), who is also the top runner on the cross country team, and Shavonne "Bonnie" Lewis (Eisenhower, 5'5"), sister of former All-American Cyclone player Sharnita Lloyd, both have great vision and speed to push the ball up the court.

Other newcomers adding to the chemistry are guards Megan Beckow (Evergreen Park, 5'6"), Nicole Maloney (Oak Lawn, 5'8"), Brandi Miner (Chicago International Charter School, 5'8"), Diamond Taylor (Chicago International Charter School, 5'4"), Amanda Weiss (Shepard, 5'7") and Alex Zelasko (Evergreen Park, 5'8").

The strategy this season is to play faster thanks to the addition of several speedy players. Jones believes his squad can outrun most opponents and push the game more than in the past. "I expect us to win conference, be in the regional championship and go to nationals. I really believe it this year," Jones said. "There is great chemistry and character that will help team unity. We also want to stay aggressive on the court."

For their complete schedule, visit www.morainevalley.edu/athletics/womens_bball/schedule.htm

# Host Information Session

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Governors State University is located at 1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois.

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# MVCC Women's Tennis Headed To Nationals For Sixth Time

**They're going to Texas again. The Moraine Valley Community College women's tennis team clinched a berth to the national tournament in May after finishing second at the NJCAA Region IV championships on their home courts over two days of action, Oct. 11-12. This is the team's sixth time qualifying for nationals.**

**They set the tone early. Every Cyclone worked hard for two days with eight out of nine positions winning first-round matches. Only the first doubles team was knocked out in the first round after a tough, long three-set match. In the end, two Cyclones finished first, earning a nod to the All-Region team. At fourth singles, Claudia Maka (Oak Lawn) earned a come-from-behind third set fight against a player she lost to during the season, and Main alum Tricia Poremba (sixth singles), a fierce player all year, continued her unbeaten streak with another victory.**

**Second place medals went to Andrew product Alexa Armon (third singles), who made her opponent work for every point, and Andrew alum Lindsey Walker (fifth singles), who played her best tennis of the season, losing a close 6-4, 6-4 match. Second doubles—Maka and Kelley Grzych (Reavis)—and third doubles—Walker and Poremba— came through with third place victories. Eisenhower product Liz Domingues (first singles) and Grzych (second singles) finished fourth after some tough battles.**

**"I cannot be more proud of each and every one of my girls throughout this season. From day one they worked their butts off, and I was not easy on them. To be able to go back to the national tournament—this time as a coach—absolutely means the world to me," said first year head coach Nicole Selvaggio. "This was a team effort. Seeing it all come together when it counted, well, words cannot describe how amazing that felt, not only for me but also for all of us. I know what to expect at the national level. It's not going to be easy competition. However, we are resilient and excited for our chance to be a part of and play against the nation's best."**

**During the year, Armon and Poremba also earned nods to the All-Conference team for helping their squad secure a 7-1 overall and 4-1 conference record. The Cyclones were nearly perfect until the last match of the season.**

**The Cyclones have until May before they compete at nationals in Tyler, Texas.**

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# *Host Family Reading Night*

**Oak Lawn Community High School Media Center will host its first-ever Family Reading Night on Nov. 21 from 7 to 8 p.m. The event will be an evening book club for students, parents, staff, and the community (all members of the "Spartan Family!"). There will be discussion and activities based around the popular novel *The Fault in Our Stars* by award-winning author John Green. The book is an insightful, ambitious, and heartbreaking story which explores the funny/tragic business of being alive and in love. It's a rare bestseller aimed at teens and adults. Pictured is student Clarrina Dean.**

**Family Reading Night is in conjunction with Illinois Reads, a new statewide campaign to promote reading for all Illinois citizens created under the auspices of the Illinois Reading Council. Illinois Reads focuses on reading at school, as well as at home. Residents across the state from Rockford to Carbondale will be partaking in upcoming family literacy nights. The culmination event is a statewide celebration of literacy on the same evening as the book club.**

**All book club participants must register at www.olchs.org.**

**A limited number of event T-shirts will also be on sale that evening or beforehand for $10. Proceeds go to the Media Center activity account. Contact media specialists Eileen Jones at cjones@olchs.org or Jennifer Sidlow at jsidlow@olchs.org for more information.**

## OAK LAWN POLICE CALLS

On Oct. 16, Brandon Mormon of Chicago Ridge was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance and driving an expired registration after a traffic stop in the [illegible] of 95th Street.

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On Oct. 16, James Booker of Chicago was arrested and charged with theft of service after he left Hooters, 9159 Cicero Avenue without paying a bill of $12.69.

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On Oct. 17, Daniel Ramirez III of Oak Lawn was arrested for driving on a suspended license and no insurance after a traffic stop in the 10400 block of Cicero Avenue.

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On Oct. 18, a cell phone was taken from a car in the 9200 block of Cicero Avenue.

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On Oct. 18, Juan Cortez of Alsip was arrested for drunken driving, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, leaving the scene of an accident and no insurance after a traffic stop at 93rd and Karlov Avenue. Reports say that an off-duty Cook County sheriff's policeman saw Cortez hit a vehicle in the 9300 block of Pulaski and drive away. Cortez, reportedly, reversed his vehicle and continued driving. He was pursued by the sheriff's officer who detained him until Oak Lawn police arrived on the scene. Cortez failed field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol count registered 133. Police also found a metal pipe used for smoking marijuana in his pocket.

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On Oct. 19, Patrick Dodson of Oak Lawn was arrested for battery after he punched a man at Oak View Park, 4625 W. 110th Street after a youth soccer game.

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On Oct. 19, Jorge Garcia of Chicago was arrested for drunken driving, speeding and having illegal handlebars on a motorcycle after a traffic stop on Cicero Avenue.

## OAK LAWN LIBRARY

Join the Oak Lawn Public Library's Local History Department on Saturday, Nov. 9th as they unveil the latest exhibit, "Extra! Extra! The Headlines of Oak Lawn History!" From the Battle of Vicksburg in 1863 to the death of Mayor Lane Kolb in 2003, the display features prominent local and national events of the last 150 years, and asks the question of how they impact Oak Lawn. Over 100 images and dozens of artifacts will be available for viewing. This exhibit will be open through the summer of 2014.

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The Library (4422 S. Raymond Ave.) will host a free lecture on the opera "La Traviata" on Sunday, Nov. 10th at 2:30 p.m. At this informative session, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain the plot, play musical selections and give background on the composer. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Public Library.

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The Science Club will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 12th from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Students will complete hands-on activities that will utilize Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) topics. The theme for this class is "Towers." Registration is open to children ages 11-13.

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The teen program "Book Assassins" will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 20th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sign up for the game and receive your target by 7 p.m. Contestants have from 7 to 8:30 p.m. to eliminate their targets by stealing light sabers and claiming targets. The last assassin left standing, or the assassin with the most light sabers, wins the game. Snacks and drinks will be available for eliminated members in the safe zone.

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Chicago historian and tour guide Michael Corcoran will present his newest lecture "Hollywood on Lake Michigan Live!" on Thursday, Nov. 21st at 7 p.m. This lecture is a companion to Hollywood on Lake Michigan, 2nd Edition. The presentation will include a brief overview of Chicago's role in the early history of film, and regale with stories of famous Chicago films.

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The library will present two programs for the 50th anniversary of the JFK Assassination.

Pierre Salinger & the 1,000 Days of Kennedy's Camelot – Monday, Nov. 18th at 7 p.m. told through the eyes of one of John F. Kennedy's most trusted insiders, his White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger, played by living historian Terry Lynch of HIK Presents. Learn about Salinger's unique perspective on some of the most dangerous times of our country's history.

Jacqueline Kennedy – Friday, Nov. 22nd at 2 p.m. It's 1964 and the former first lady, besieged by paparazzi, is struggling to cope. Historian Leslie Goddard returns to portray the private woman behind the public myth with stories from Kennedy's life, her fight for privacy, work to restore the White House and attempts to showcase the arts.

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Gobble, gobble! Come make a Thanksgiving craft for your holiday table on Saturday, Nov. 24th from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the library. Crafts will take approximately 20 minutes to complete and registration is not required for this event. All ages are welcome.

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For more information or to register for any of these Oak Lawn Public Library events call (708) 422-4990 or visit www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

# *Boys Enjoy An Evening Without The Girls!*

**On Sept 27th, Sward PTA hosted their annual Father/Son Carnival. The evening was filled with games, activities, and smiles. Shoot the puck, balloon twisters, and fun in the photo booth were just a few of the activities being enjoyed. The favorite of the night was the life-size Jinga that caught everyone's attention. What could be better than spending the evening with your favorite male role model on a Friday night?**

# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

The Folds of Honor Foundation gives back to spouses and children of soldiers killed or disabled in service of our country through scholarships and other financial assistance. Nearly one million of these family members don't qualify for federal scholarship assistance. You can support the family members of wounded or fallen soldiers from the Chicago area. Stop in to any Chicago area Fifth Third Bank and make a donation to the Folds of Honor Foundation through Nov. 15th.

The Fifth Third Bank's commitment to those who serve our country is long-standing. This year in partnership with the Folds of Honor Foundation, The Heart of a Marine Foundation, USO of Illinois, War Dogs Making it Home, Vietnam Moving Wall and the Pritzker Military Museum, bank employees will host the annual "Veterans Day of Appreciation" at Union Station on Monday, Nov. 11th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All area veterans and active duty are encouraged and welcome to attend and enjoy free food, great entertainment and more. This year the bank will host a "pop up" USO Welcome Center, where bank employees will serve a free lunch to veterans and active duty troops. The bank is also giving away 150 Thanksgiving dinners to local military families who are currently enduring financial hardship. On Veterans Day, veterans and active duty who attend the event will be entered to win one Thanksgiving-themed gift basket, valued at $150 each.

The bank is also the proud sponsor of The Moving Wall Vietnam Veterans Memorial, today Thursday, Nov. 7th through Monday, Nov. 11th, which is a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. that will exhibit at 1201 W. New York St. in Aurora. The Wall is engraved with the names of 58,282 Americans who perished in the Vietnam War or are still unaccounted for (Prisoners of War and Missing in Action). The Moving Wall was last in the area 24 years ago when more than 150,000 people visited, go to www.vietnammovingwallaurora.org.

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The Fourth District American Legion is sponsoring a Card and Bunco Social on Saturday, Nov. 9th at the Argo Summit Post 735, 6050 S. Harlem Ave. in Summit. This is a benefit for active military, hospitalized Veterans, Nurses scholarships and other programs. Doors open at noon, for a donation of only $3.50, free coffee and cakes, and lunch will be available at a minimal fee. There will be a 50/50 cash raffle and raffle tables. The public is invited. For more information, call (815) 830-5028.

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As we honor our nation's heroes on Veterans' Day, Recorder Karen A. Yarbrough is urging all veterans and their families to safeguard DD-214 military discharge records for free with her office.

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All veterans should be aware that if a DD-214 is lost or misplaced, it can take 21 days or longer to receive a new one from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri, which could delay benefits. Permanently recording them with a County Recorder will eliminate this delay.

Illinois State Statutes allow County Recorders to record military discharge papers at no charge. The Cook County Recorder of Deeds Office also furnishes a free certified copy after recording. All other requests for certified copies of DD-214's must be accompanied by photo identification and signature verification.

Significant steps are in place to help protect these private records from identity theft. Federal and state law protects the privacy of veterans when it comes to DD-214's, a strict procedure is used to ensure security. For new DD-214 recordings, personal information such as the Social Security Number is digitally redacted. All DD-214's are protected from public view, and are only available to the person named in the document, the named person's dependents, the county veterans' service officer, representatives of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, or any person with written authorization from the named person or the named person's dependents.

For more information, call (312) 603-5788 or visit http://cookrecorder.com/veteran-services.

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Saint Xavier University recently was named to the 2014 Military Friendly Schools list in recognition of its efforts to reach out to veterans and military personnel. The list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus. For more information about education opportunities for veterans at SXU, visit www.sxu.edu keyword: veterans, or contact vetsu@sxu.edu.

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Quote of the Week

*I'd like to live as a poor man with lots of money.*

Pablo Picasso

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***Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.***

# Dolphin Born At Brookfield Zoo

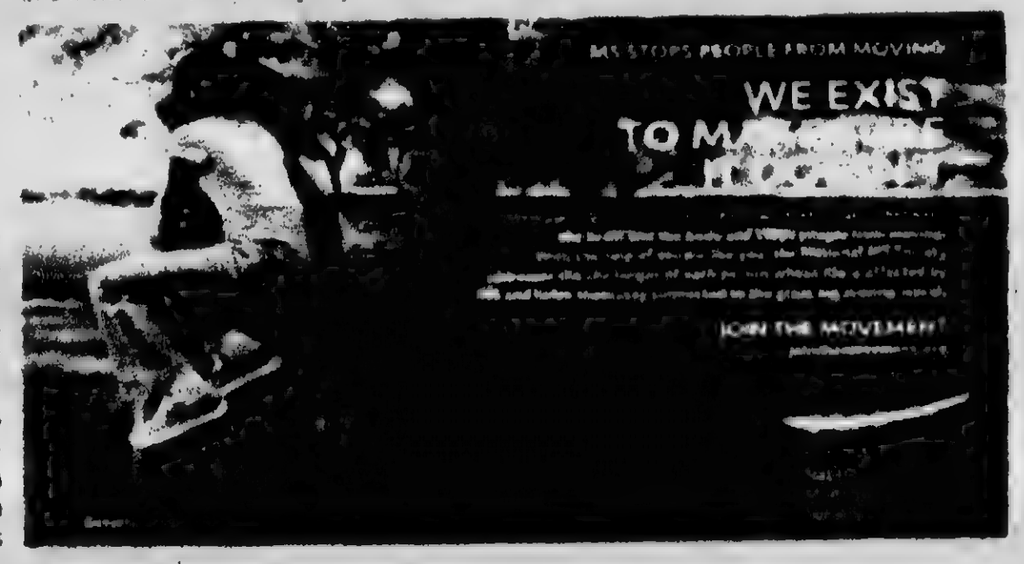
A male dolphin calf was born to first-time mom Spree at Brookfield Zoo around 6:30 a.m. on Oct. 28. Shortly following the birth, Spree, an inexperienced mother, was not providing adequate maternal care. Chicago Zoological Society (C/ZS) veterinary and animal care staff made the decision to intervene to provide necessary neonatal care. The first 60 days of life are a critical time frame for neonatal dolphins and account for the largest rate of loss to dolphin populations both in the wild and under professional care, as compared to any other demographic age group.

Animal care and veterinary staff will remain in the water providing the calf with continuous, around-the-clock care and nutritional support," said Michael Adkesson, DVM, Dipl. ACZM, vice president of clinical medicine for C/ZS. "The calf is strong and vibrant, but handrearing of dolphins is very uncommon and presents many challenges. We are hopeful for a positive outcome, but this is a guarded situation."

Until further notice, the Seven Seas dolphin arena will remain closed so that staff can provide continuous care for this calf, as well as continually observe Lapeko and her two-week-old calf.

The Chicago Zoological Society is a leader in dolphin care and conservation and manages the Sarasota Dolphin Research Program in Florida, now in its 44th year. This program, spearheaded by Dr. Randall Wells, is the world's longest-running study of a wild dolphin population. The program's primary focus involves up to five generations of bottlenose dolphins residing year-round in Sarasota Bay, Florida, where the program originated in 1970. The program, which focuses on aspects including dolphins' health, behavior, genetics, environmental change, and adverse interactions with humans, has gained an international reputation for providing high-quality information of importance to worldwide dolphin conservation efforts. The data collected are repeatedly used in scientific studies, as well as public policy decisions that can help protect marine animals. Through 2013, 40 doctoral dissertation projects and 40 Master's thesis projects have benefited from association with the Sarasota Dolphin Research Program, through field research opportunities or access to samples, data, or guidance.

The Chicago Zoological Society, which manages Brookfield Zoo, inspires conservation leadership by connecting people with wildlife and nature. The Chicago Zoological Society is a private nonprofit organization that operates Brookfield Zoo on land owned by the Forest Preserves of Cook County. Open every day of the year, the zoo is located off First Avenue between the Stevenson (I-55) and Eisenhower (I-290) expressways and is also accessible via the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), Metra commuter line, CTA, and PACE bus service.




# MVCC Receiving Walmart Brighter Future Grant

Moraine Valley Community College is one of 12 community colleges in the country selected to participate in the Walmart Brighter Futures 2.0 Project, which is supported by a $3.5 million grant from the Walmart Foundation to the League for Innovation in the Community College.

The project aims to provide low-income adults and older youth the skills necessary to obtain middle-skill jobs, enabling them to become financially self-sufficient. In addition, the project is modeled to provide participants with the confidence they need to know they've acquired the skills employers want, which will empower them to document those skills and communicate them effectively to employers.

Over the next two-and-a-half years, the League will work with a select group of 12 community colleges across the U.S. to help these institutions develop programs and services to move low-income, low-skill individuals into middle-skill jobs. The League will disseminate the best practices from the project to other community colleges throughout the country.

In addition to Moraine Valley, other community colleges funded were Anne Arundel Community College (MD), Central Piedmont Community College (NC), Cuyahoga Community College (OH), Delta College (MI), El Centro College, the Dallas County Community College District (TX), Kirkwood Community College (IA), Maricopa Community Colleges (AZ), Miami Dade College (FL), Santa Fe College (FL), Seattle Community Colleges (WA), and Sinclair Community College (OH).

In announcing the grants, League President and CEO Dr. Gerardo E. de los Santos expressed confidence the Walmart Brighter Futures Project will have a profound and positive impact beyond the 12 colleges. "As with an earlier project funded by the Walmart Foundation, Brighter Futures 2.0 will lead to best practices that will expand the capacity of community colleges to enhance middle-skill job training opportunities. The League will be delighted to share the work of the 12 colleges with colleges around the country," said de los Santos.

Through the project, each selected community college will receive up to $233,333 to provide training and services that will qualify the targeted individuals for middle-skill positions in the workforce. The training will focus on jobs requiring 21st century skills in an effort to provide a promising career future. In addition to specific job training, individuals will receive career counseling and job acquisition skills such as job search, resume writing and interviewing techniques.

"We are excited to be selected to participate in this project," said Dr. Sylvia Jenkins, Moraine Valley president. "We appreciate the generosity of the Walmart Foundation and the leadership of the League for Innovation in making this work possible. We look forward to working with our national partners and our local business and community partners to help make a difference across the country by helping low-income individuals prepare for middle-skill jobs. This effort underscores part of our mission to improve the condition of working families in our communities through the power of education and training."

"The Walmart Foundation supports programs that provide people with ways to improve their lives through skills training, job readiness, job placement and support services," says Julie Gehrke, senior director of the Walmart Foundation. "We are proud to continue our work with the League for Innovation and expect to help 9,000 workers gain the skills they need for today's job market through this continued effort."

# *"Sunset Blvd." Coming To The Oak Lawn Park District*

**The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre production of "Sunset Blvd." will be running at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., on Fridays, Nov. 15 and 22 and on Saturdays, Nov. 16 and 23, at 8 p.m. Shows will also be on Sundays, Nov. 17 and 24, at 3 p.m.**

**Tickets are $22 for adults and $21 for seniors and children, twelve and under.**

**To purchase tickets or for more information, call (708) 857-2200.**

**Pictured from left to right are Julie Spencer as Norma Desmond and Craig Mason as Joe Gillis in the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's upcoming production of "Sunset Blvd".**

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# *Senior Halloween Luncheon*

**The chilly weather didn't stop Orland Township's seniors from putting on their costumes and coming out for some treats- and magic tricks!**

**At Orland Township's annual Halloween Luncheon Tuesday, Oct. 22nd, green-haired witches and red-horned devils served up some terrifyingly delicious food, catered by Ed & Joe's in Tinley Park. Attendees were in good spirits as they settled in next to their brooms, chatting with their ghoulish neighbors and enjoying Halloween jokes such as, What do you call two witches that live together? Broommates! The room was overflowing with black and orange as our goblins readied themselves for the costume contest, lining up in front of the stage dressed in their scare-worthy attire. A bucket of candy and the Skeleton Trophy for first place was awarded to Germaine Nachel for her wickedly authentic witch costume, complete with green face paint and a towering black hat. Candy buckets for second and third place were awarded to Alice Kamenjarin for her boo-tiful devil costume and Bob Schaeffer for his Shriners hat and Groucho glasses. Although there wasn't a prize for each person, everyone did receive a pumpkin-shaped sugar cookie and orange waterbottle, provided by Sunrise Senior Living. As lunch winded down, Chicago magician John Meanner lit up the stage with his mind-boggling tricks, giving all in attendance one monster of a show!**

**No bones about it, this Halloween luncheon was quite the treat! Supervisor Paul O'Grady and the Board of Trustees would like to thank everybody who attended and supported this great event.**

**Orland Township's senior events are great ways for seniors to get involved in our community and build lasting friendships. Make sure to be there next time by stopping by our office and signing up for one of our Thanksgiving luncheons, which will be held on Monday, Nov. 18th and Tuesday, Nov. 19th. Have a safe and happy Halloween!**

**The Orland Township office is located at 14807 S. Ravinia Ave., Orland Park. For more information, call (708) 403-4222.**

## Property Tax Seminar

Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin will host a property tax appeal seminar with Board of Review Commissioner Dan Pallak on Tuesday, Nov. 12. Held at the Orland Park Civic Center beginning at 6:30 p.m., the program is offered for area residents wanting to appeal their 2013 property tax assessments.

Pallak will explain how property taxes are calculated and the appeal procedure of the Board of Review. Board of Review staff will be present to answer taxpayers' questions.

The event is free and open to the public, and there is no fee to appeal. Attending taxpayers should bring their most recent tax bills. Questions should be directed to the Board of Review at (312) 603-7356. Taxpayers may also appeal online at http://www.cookcountyboardofreview.com/.

Appeal forms may also be obtained at the Board of Review located at 118 N. Clark Street Room 601 in Chicago and at the Bridgeview Satellite Office located at 10220 S. 76th Ave.

# Crystal Heart Ball Honorees

Mary of Crystal Foundation will host its [illegible] Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014 at the Fairmont [illegible] individuals and organizations [illegible] accomplishments and service [illegible] of Metropolitan [illegible] groups and an outstanding company of Mary Hospital.

Mary Potter Humanitarian Award [illegible] Kendall Lewerenz, founder of Africa [illegible] Kendall is a vibrant 8th graduate, who is currently [illegible] at Georgetown University. In 2011, Kendall adopted a child through World Vision using her own [illegible] Shortly thereafter, as she underwent two liver transplants, Kendall asked that in lieu of gifts, friends and [illegible] help other children in Africa. With [illegible] Kendall sponsored the village of Muscle [illegible] As the word spread of Kendall's efforts to help across the country, she was able to raise more than $15,000 [illegible] She decided to officially organize the effort called it "Kids Helping 4 Kids" (K4K). In January 2012, K4K officially became a 501(c)3 non profit organization. Today it has received nearly $300,000 in donations. Kendall is now championing a national campaign to raise $1 million and to provide more than 10,000 students in providing hope and care to African children in need.

This year's Sister Nancy Hogle Award for Excellence honoree is Little Company of Mary's Dr. Kuhn Hong, who is currently on a medical mission in Ethiopia for the next three years at Mekanyesus Christian Medical Center in Addis Ababa. Over the past 15 years, Dr. Hong has visited more than 20 countries for short-term medical mission trips, including Haiti, Honduras, North Korea and many countries in Africa, providing medical examinations to many people who have never received medical care. As a man who likes to combine his many talents and put them to amazing use, Dr. Hong has not only provided medical aid in these various countries, but has also sketched and painted his experiences along the way. His artwork has been featured throughout the hallways of the hospital and in various publications, including The Atlantic, Chicago Medicine and Today's Christian Doctor. Dr. Hong retired from Little Company of Mary Hospital in June after 24 years as the Medical Director of Nuclear Medicine.

Matt and Mary Ellen Fleming will chair this premier fundraising event with co-chairs Dr. Thomas and Diane Quinn. Guests will enjoy a cocktail reception followed by a gourmet meal prepared by Blue Plate Catering as well as dance the night away to the musical styling of the Indigo Orchestra. Attendees will have exclusive access to the featured exhibit *Opening the Under: Wonders of the 1893 World's Fair*. A cash raffle will be offered with a grand prize of $15,000 as well as a second prize of $5,000, third prize of $2,500 and fourth prize of $2,000. Raffle tickets are on sale for $100 each in the foundation department and winners do not have to be present.

The Crystal Heart Ball tickets are $300 per person and proceeds will benefit *Future Vision Innovation*. The Campaign for Little Company of Mary Hospital Guests may purchase a Diamond table for $7,500, a Heart of Gold table for $5,000 or a Crystal Heart table for $3,000, each offering special benefits. Contact the Little Company of Mary's Foundation department to purchase your event tickets at 708-229-5447 or visit http://www.lcmhfoundation.org/events.

## Standard Bank To Host Customer Appreciation Day

All Standard Bank full-service branches will host a Customer Appreciation Day on Friday, Nov. 15th. Standard Bank is proud to have the opportunity to show their appreciation to its customers through treats and free giveaways while supplies last.

Standard Bank invites all community members to come share in the celebration. For more information about this event visit the website at *standardbank.com*.

## Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair

McDonald-Lunn VFW Post 177 is sponsoring a Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, Nov. 9th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in their banquet hall, 10837 S. Ridgeland in Chicago Ridge. Refreshments will be available for purchase as well as raffle tickets. For more information, call Debi at (708) 636-3220.

## Valuable Business Connections

Try some new ways to make business connections at the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce November [illegible] meeting. The Chamber's last membership meeting [illegible] will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 7:45 [illegible] 9 a.m. at Silver Lake Country Club, 14700 S. 82nd Ave. The cost for the meeting includes breakfast and is $15 for members that RSVP in advance and $20 for walk-ins and non-members. The goal of the structured networking meeting will be for each individual to connect with at least [illegible] other people through the morning's activities. Participants are encouraged to bring business cards & promotional literature to share as part of the meeting.

For information or to RSVP call (708) 349-2972 or visit the Chamber's website at www.orlandparkchamber.org.

# *Women To Create Powerful Vision For The Future*

A new job. A more physically fit body. A healthier marriage. A better relationship with Mom. A vacation. For many women, these goals seem out of reach and elusive. Helena Rogers understands that paralysis because she sees it in women all the time. "We get sidetracked by child-rearing, by grocery-shopping, by earning a living," Rogers says. "Often, what women need is a method of focus."

Rogers knows a sure-fire way to light the fires that get things moving. Her company, Chocolate Therapy for Women, will host "Don't Forget Your Sunglasses" on Thursday, Nov. 14th from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Rasmussen College to help participants create a vision board.

"Don't Forget Your Sunglasses" is an interactive event, a seminar that will guide women as they create their own personal and individual vision boards. These boards, made of images and words, help focus goals and create clear pathways to achieving those goals.

Martha Beck, a Master Life Coach and vocal advocate for vision boards, says "When you put your attention on something, you experience more of it. You are going to selectively pay attention to these things you like once you selectively start to gear yourself to focus on them more."

Chocolate Therapy for Women has been bringing outstanding educational opportunities to women in the south and southwest suburbs for over two years. Says Rogers, "Chocolate Therapy for Women has been an amazing journey for me, providing women with the opportunity to learn more, become inspired and encouraged by the experience of attending the seminars."

Rasmussen College is located at 9650 W. Spring Lake Road in Mokena. The seminar is $20, participants should bring scissors and any magazines that interest them. For more information, visit www.chocolatetherapyforwomen.com.

The seminar will include the vision board building, raffle prizes and, of course, chocolate treats. Rogers smiles. "You know, women consider chocolate a vital food group... and chocolate tastes twice as good when it's shared."

# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Lucille Anderson**

Services were held at the Thompson and Kuenster Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, for Lucille Anderson, formerly of Roseland, late of Oak Lawn. She was the wife of the late Arvid "Gus"

She is survived by her children Brian Anderson, Past Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce President and Beverly (George) Weber, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren

**John R. Babjak**

Services were held at the Brady-Gall Funeral Home, Tinley Park, on Saturday, with a private interment, for John R. Babjak, 74. He was a retired automotive chemist at Sherwin-Williams. He was also deeply involved with the YMCA youth programs

He is survived by his wife Brenda, his children Steven, Susan (Brian) Jula and Alan (Katherine), six grandchildren, his mother Catherine and his brothers Richard (Lorie) and Raymond (Anne)

**Marianna Baron**

Mass was said at St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Church, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Marianna Baron. She was the wife of the late Ignatz

She is survived by her son Ludwig "Louie" (Charlene), three grandchildren and one great-grandchild

**Annie Dudgeon**

Services were held at the Heartland Memorial Center, Tinley Park, on Monday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Annie Dudgeon, 82, formerly of the Chicagoland area, late of Smith Crossing in Orland Park. She was the wife of the late Richard K. She was a volunteer for South Suburban Hospice and a Cook County Court watcher

She is survived by her children Maxine Marie McMartin, Janet Marie Dudgeon and Alexis Marie (Charles) Nash, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren

**Pauline Edwards**

Services were held at the Krueger Funeral Home, Blue Island, on Monday, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Pauline Edwards, 84, formerly of Oak Lawn and Blue Island. She was the wife of the late Robert

She is survived her step-children Bonnie, Bob, Connie, Gern Lynn and Ken, her sister Deno Ferry

**Theresa E. Heimann**

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Theresa E. Heimann, 89, of Oak Forest. She was the wife of the late Wayne. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and a proud member of the Chicago Police Wives Auxiliary

She is survived by her children Maureen (Henry) Kuspa, and Scot (Pamela), twelve grandchildren and her sister Pauline Leonard

**Kathleen M. Kotwica**

Mass was said at St. Stephen Deacon and Martyr Church, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with a private interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Kathleen M. Kotwica, 67, late of Tinley Park

She is survived by her husband Martin "Joe", her children Kerry (Thomas) Collins and Bernard "Ben" (Christina), six grandchildren and her sisters Rita (David) Stark, Rose (Kenneth) Kuhlman and Patricia Amberg

**Robert E. Langevin**

Mass was said at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Robert E. "Uncle Bob" Langevin, Veteran of the US Army during WWII. He was a member of the Evergreen Park Post 854 American Legion

He is survived by his sister Gloria (Harry) Renderman.

**John J. Reidy**

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Woods Church, Orland Park, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for John J. "Jack" Reidy, 72, of Orland Park, formerly of Oak Forest. He was a former Alderman of the 7th Ward of Oak Forest. He was a graduate of Leo High School, DePaul University and the DePaul School of Law, practicing law since 1966. He was a founding partner of Ruff, Weidenaar & Reidy LTD. He was recognized as an Illinois Super Lawyer and was admitted to the United States Supreme Court

He is survived by his wife Pat Barker, his children Jack (Cindy), Paul, Michael and Laura (Patrick) Harkness, eight grandchildren and his sisters Patricia (Steve) Stapleton, Joyce Martin and his brother Dr. James (Mary)

**Simon Rodriguez**

Mass was said at St. John Fisher Church, Chicago, on Tuesday, with interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, for Simon Rodriguez, 84. He was the husband of the late Marcela. He was a retired Deacon of St. Blaze Church

He is survived by his children Lourdes (Robert, Ret'd CFD) Fitzgerald, Jane (Kenneth) Kogut, Stan (Karen), Nancy, Ret'd CPD (Richard, Ret'd CPD) Grand, and Sandra (Brian) Schneider, his foster children David DeLeon, Ramon and Kathy DeLaRosa, twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and eighteen siblings

**Daniel L. Rubino**

Services were held at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, Mokena, on Saturday, with interment at St. John's Cemetery, for Daniel L. Rubino, 64, of Mokena

He is survived by his wife Peggy, his children Michelle (Ed) Toomey, Danielle (Tim) Helenthal, Joseph (Jennifer) Rubino and Jenna (Christopher) McCormick, five grandchildren and his brother David Rubino

**Theresa M. Sonner**

Mass was said at St. Louis De Montfort Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Theresa M. Sonner, 84

She is survived by her husband Raymond, her children Mark Sonner, Mary (Edward) Doyle, Alan Sonner, Paul Sonner and Anne (Scott) Baylor and seven grandchildren.


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# Water Works Improvements

After years of trying to figure out what to do and how to do it, the Board of Trustees set in motion improvements to the village Water Works and Sewer System. The board unanimously passed the ordinance that will be referred to Oak Lawn's water customers for approval.

However, Trustee Terry Vorderer questioned the 100-page document. Vorderer said that because of the length of the document, he was "uncomfortable" with passing the ordinance. He felt that the board might not have gotten the document in time to give it a thorough reading.

He asked that if the board passed the ordinance tonight, would the trustees be able to change it in any way.

Vorderer was told that when the ordinance was passed it would be distributed to Oak Lawn's water customers for their approval and input. The final ordinance would come back to Oak Lawn for finalization.

The approximate multi-million dollar project will bring much-needed repairs to the village's water works and sewerage system as well as long-term sales and purchase agreements.

It was stated that the agreements could last up to 40 years with only 11 per cent of the cost to be paid for by the village.

In other business, changing health benefits of village trustees may not be as easy as the board would like. Aside from state law, dropping health benefits for trustees could not be done until the next election. The village attorney stated that it might be possible to eliminate benefits if it is included in the budget talks, but he would have to check guidelines to make sure. Any discussion was tabled until more information was gathered.

Making the village look good is proving to be a chore. The village sign ordinance discussion was also tabled due to the fact that insurance to business for the changes would be astronomical. Further discussion will be held on the subject.

Expansion of the red-light camera enforcement was discussed. Village Manager Larry Deetjen requested that the village look into beta testing a program to include school crossings. He also stated that right now there is technology for the program but it can only be used for cities with populations of 1 million people or more. Deetjen asked if the village could find a way for the technology to be used in communities of a lower population.

When he presented the request to Red Flex, the village's current service provider, it was said that the current contract could not be expanded. Deetjen suggested that the village go out for bid on School Crossing Technology so that major crossing would be made safer. However, as discussion continued, it was questioned if the privacy of residents would be put in jeopardy since cameras might be facing homes as well as the crosswalks. Also, it was suggested that a zero tolerance policy be established for school zones where an offender could be ticketed or fined no matter what.

If it was decided to go out for bids on the program, Red Flex asked if they could bid. Deetjen told them that all bids would be welcomed.

This was held for further discussion and information.

## Selected For EIU Jazz Honors Festival

**Senior Madeline Doon (left) and junior Roxanne Segina (right) from Richards High School recently won selection to participate in the Eastern Illinois University Music Department Jazz Combo Honor Day.**

**Doon, who plays piano, and Segina, a trombone player, needed to audition to earn their invitations.**

**The festival invites "talented high school students from across the state to participate. The day will include rehearsals, private lessons, and opportunities to play & perform with other participants," according to the university.**

# Seek Donations For Thanksgiving Dinner With 50 Recruits

For the 4th year in a row, A.R.M.S. and the members of the Chicago Ridge Police Dept. along with their families and in partnership with Chicago Ridge American Legion Glenn Maker Post 1160 will be hosting recruits from Great Lakes Naval Base for Thanksgiving Day this year. In 2010 they hosted 20 navy recruits, in 2011 they hosted 40, and in 2012 they hosted 45. This year they will host 50. These 50 men and women are currently attending Basic Training to prepare them for the U.S. Navy and are unable to spend the holiday with their families.

These men and women will be transported to the American Legion in the morning and spend the entire day with members of the Police and Fire Department. Legion members will [illegible] the community at large.

Traditional Thanksgiving least will be prepared. To help defray the cost, ARMS is seeking donations in the form of checks and or gift cards to local grocery [illegible] should be made payable to ARMS, please include [illegible] checks and or gift cards may be mailed to [illegible] Robert Pyzarski, 10425 S. Ridgeland [illegible] ask about [illegible]

[illegible] donations, [illegible] business [illegible] The recruits will be with them for the entire day and therefore multiple dinners [illegible] needed. Needed are breakfast, dinner, appetizer/dip items, dinner items and desserts. Businesses should contact either Donna Belsanti, Administrative Assistant to the Chief, at (708) 425-7851 or Debbie Pyzarski at (708) 424-8579 if they are interested in donating food items. Donna or Debbie will be more than happy to make arrangements for food pick up or delivery.

Spending Thanksgiving Day with these men and women is just a small way for us to show our gratitude for their service to this great nation. We invite you to be a part of this wonderful day. The recruits will arrive at the Chicago Ridge American Legion Post at approximately 10 a.m. and all are invited to join us as we line the streets and welcome the future Sailors of the U.S. Navy to Chicago Ridge," said Chicago Ridge Police Chief Robert D. Pyzarski, founder of A.R.M.S.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 18, Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 19 - Tuesday - Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 19 - Tuesday - OL Library Board Meeting, 9418 S. Raymond, Lower Level Rotary Room, [illegible]

NOVEMBER 19 - Tuesday - [illegible] Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 20 - Wednesday - Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room 119, 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 21 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 26 - Tuesday - OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 26 - Tuesday - Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 27 - Wednesday - Green Team Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, [illegible] p.m.

DECEMBER 2 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 2 - Monday - Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 3 - Tuesday - [illegible] Commission, 9446 Raymond, [illegible] p.m.

DECEMBER 4 - Wednesday - Special Board, 9446 S. Raymond, [illegible]

DECEMBER 5 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 5 - Thursday - Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center Auditorium, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 6 - Friday - Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 12:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 7 - Saturday - District 117 "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.


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# Gunshot Wounds Leading Cause Of Death And Injury Among Kids

A study published in October online in the journal Pediatrics corroborates what trauma surgeons at Advocate Christ Medical Center have known anecdotally for a long time – that gunshot wounds are the leading cause of death and serious injury among children and teens in the United States.

The research, *Gunshot Injuries in Children Served by Emergency Services*, indicates that gunshot wounds, although accounting for only 1 percent of injured children, tend to be more severe, require more major surgery and have higher mortality rates and greater per-patient costs than any other mechanism of childhood injury – particularly among young males.

"We see a lot of urban violence, and gun violence is high in our service area," said James Doherty, MD, director of trauma and critical care services for Advocate Christ Medical Center. A large number of those injured are in the 14-to-19 age group, which is second only to those between the ages of 20 and 24 as the most common age group for gunshot wounds.

"Patients with penetrating trauma are some of our most seriously injured," Dr. Doherty said. "They require multiple operations and longer hospital stays, resulting in significant resource consumption to provide their care." Compounding the problem are patients who have sustained damage to their central nervous system as a result of gunshot wounds. They require additional services, such as physical and occupational therapy and social service assistance, Dr. Doherty said.

Advocate Christ Medical Center is one of the largest Level I trauma centers in the Midwest, serving an area of approximately 900 square miles, including the south and southwest sides of Chicago and the south and southwest suburbs of Cook and Will counties. Data from the Illinois Department of Public Health Trauma Registry from 2011 indicates that Christ Medical Center had about 25 percent penetrating trauma for that year.

In conducting the recently published journal study, the research team examined data from nearly 50,000 injured children, age 19 and younger, who had received a 9-1-1 response from 47 different emergency medical service agencies. Five western regions of the United States were included, along with 93 hospitals where emergency patients were transported during a three-year period.

Compared to children who had suffered injuries from other causes, such as motor vehicle crashes, falls, sports and assaults, children who were shot had the highest proportion of Serious injuries (23 percent), Major surgery (32 percent), In-hospital deaths (8 percent), and Per-patient costs ($28,000 annually).

Unfortunately, reducing the number of gunshot injuries in children has no easy solutions.

"To think the issue is about getting guns off the street or putting more people in jail is too simplistic," Dr. Doherty stated. The problem, he said, stems from the number of young people who choose to resolve conflict with a gun.

"We have a generation of kids who are not really receiving proper mentoring from adults to teach them how to resolve conflicts and how to address issues that occur in their lives," Dr. Doherty emphasized. "Now add in ready access to a gun, and you have a serious problem."

# Approve Development Agreement

The Gilbert Town Council approved a development agreement on Thursday, Nov. 7th that will allow for the construction of St. Xavier University's 87,000 square foot satellite campus in the downtown Heritage District of Gilbert, Arizona.

The proposed four-story building will provide students premier access to state-of-the-art technology, smart classrooms, nursing labs and student lounges, as well as gathering and study space. In addition, Gilbert plans to construct a 300-car parking facility located just east of the SXU Gilbert campus.

"It has always been part of our economic development plan to have a faith-based university located in downtown Gilbert. We are thrilled to welcome St. Xavier University, Chicago's oldest Catholic university," said Gilbert Mayor John Lewis. "It's very important that we can offer our residents opportunities to obtain advanced degrees in a number of academic disciplines within this environment."

SXU's Gilbert campus initially plans to offer undergraduate degree completion, adult degree completion and graduate degree programs in the academic disciplines of Liberal Arts, Business and Nursing. Meeting the lifelong learning needs of a diverse student population has always been an essential component of the St. Xavier mission. Pending approval by the Arizona accrediting agencies and the Higher Learning Commission, as well as endorsement by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix, classes could begin as early as spring 2015.

# *Tin Bells Workshop At The Center*

**The Log Cabin Center for the Arts, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, will offer an antique tin bell art workshop on Monday, Nov. 25, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m.**

**Guest instructor Jackie Riffice (pictured) will teach students to make strings of tin bells from tin can lids. The bells will then be attached to swags of fresh evergreens to make a hanging antique-looking Christmas decoration. Riffice is the founder of Prairie Godmothers, a local organization that promotes environmentally responsible homemaking and yard care.**

**The workshop cost is $14 plus a $6 materials fee. Advance registration is required. Call (708) 361-3650.**


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## *Judge Christopher E. Lawler Seeks The Office Of Judge Of The Circuit Court Of Cook County*

**Judge Christopher E. Lawler (pictured) is seeking the office of Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, 15th Sub Circuit, at the election on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.**

**Judge Lawler was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to serve as a Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, 15th Sub Circuit on July 8, 2013, and was sworn in by Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke as the newest Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. Judge Lawler currently presides at the Markham Courthouse.**

**Judge Lawler was an attorney in private practice for 25 years prior to joining the bench. He began his career as in-house counsel for All State Insurance. He opened his own litigation firm 18 years ago, handling both insurance defense matters and personal injury lawsuits. He is a member of the Southwest Bar Association and served as a past President.**

**Judge Lawler practiced law as a partner of the firm Hilbert, Lawler & Power in 1995 to 2013; as an Associate at the firm of Coleman and O'Halloran, from 1991 to 1995; and as Associate at the Law Offices of Clifford P. Mallon, 1988 to 1991. During the 25 years of practice as a trial attorney in Cook County, he handled personal injury matters for both plaintiffs and defendants. He also appeared before the Illinois Appellate Court and Illinois Supreme Court.**

**Judge Lawler has lived on the Southside of Chicago and in the Southwest suburbs of Cook County his entire life. He is the youngest of 7 children born to Dr. Paul E. Lawler Jr., a retired obstetrician and gynecologist, and Virginia Furry Lawler. The family moved to Oak Lawn, from the Southside of Chicago, when he was 6 years of age. Most of his brothers and sisters and their families continue to live in the area where they were raised.**

**Judge Lawler comes from a family of medical professionals. His father and grandfather, Drs. Paul E. Lawler, were both OB/GYN's who delivered thousands of babies on the Southside. His brother, Charles Lawler, is the current Chief of Medicine at Mercy Hospital. Judge Lawler's dislike of blood led him to the legal profession.**

**He attended St. Germaine Grammar School in Oak Lawn. In 1981 he graduated from Marist High School in Chicago and then attended Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History in 1985. Judge Lawler received his Juris Doctor from IIT-Chicago Kent College of Law in 1988 and was admitted to the Bar in Nov. 1988.**

**In 1989 Judge Lawler married his childhood sweetheart, Julie Kerwin Lawler, who is also an attorney. They have two sons ages 18 and 13.**

**When he is not practicing law, the judge is active with his children and in the community. He is a football coach for the St. Alexander Parish team, in Palos Heights, and for the past 3 years has served as the head coach of the Junior Varsity team. In 2011 he was honored as the Catholic Grade School Conference Sportsman of the Year. Judge Lawler also helped coach St. Alexander School's basketball teams and he has coached his son's baseball teams in the Palos Baseball Organization. Judge Lawler has taught mock Trial Classes to St. Alexander School students. He has served Catholic Charities in several roles over many years. He has been serving on the Board of Directors for over 10 years and the Board of Advisors since 2002. Judge Lawler is currently serving as a Chairman of the Child, Youth & Family Services Committee and serves as a member of the Family and Parish Support Committee. He and his wife Julie are past Presidents of the adoptive Parents' Guild and they continue to serve on its Board.**

**He was a Director on the Marist High School Board of Directors for 9 years and served the past 5 years as its Chairman. He will continue to serve Marist High School as a member of its Executive Branch. In March 2013, Judge Lawler was honored and presented with the Time and Eternity Award for his service to Marist High School.**

**Judge Lawler also presently serves on the St. Alexander Parish Finance Council and served as a member of the St. Alexander School Council. He is a volunteer for Misericordia Home and Park Lawn and he has served the CARA organization, a program that assists men and women in returning to the work force after release from prison or rehabilitation from alcohol and drug addictions. He has also provided pro bono legal services and job interviewing counsel to clients of CARA and Catholic Charities. The entire Lawler family volunteers with and financially supports the Maple/Morgan Park Food Pantry.**

# Support FDA's Move To Reduce Trans Fat In Processed Foods

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics applauds the Food and Drug Administration's efforts, announced Nov. 7th, to reduce partially hydrogenated oils in processed foods. PHOs are the primary dietary source of artificial trans fats, which have been proven to raise low-density lipoprotein, or "bad" cholesterol, and increase people's risk of coronary heart disease.

"Scientific evidence has shown us that consumption of artificial trans fats through processed foods is a direct contributor to coronary heart disease, which often results in stroke and heart attack," said registered dietitian nutritionist and Academy President Dr. Glenna McCollum.

"The Academy supports the FDA's efforts to reduce the number of foods that contain these harmful fats, ultimately helping save the lives of thousands of people every year," McCollum said.

While there are some naturally occurring trans fats in animal foods, most of the trans fat in our food system is created through a process called hydrogenation. This process takes liquid fats (oils) and makes them more solid, increasing their shelf stability. The FDA's preliminary determination references only those foods that contain PHOs and not those in which trans fat occurs naturally in small amounts, like some meat and dairy products. Artificial trans fats are most often found in processed foods like margarine, frozen pizza, creamers, microwave popcorn and some desserts.

"As the FDA moves to its final determination, the Academy encourages everyone to follow the recommendations of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* by severely limiting their consumption of foods that contain synthetic sources of trans fats and other solid fats, while eating more fruits, vegetables, lean meats, chicken and fish, whole grains and low-fat and fat-free dairy products," McCollum said.

According to the FDA, the consumption of trans fat in American diets has been significantly reduced. Since trans fat content information began appearing in the Nutrition Facts label of foods in 2006, trans fat intake among American consumers has declined from 4.6 grams per day in 2003 to about 1 gram per day in 2012.

McCollum added additional tips to maintaining good heart health, including:

- Regular, moderate physical activity
- Reducing salt intake
- Regularly eating fatty fish like salmon, lake trout, albacore tuna (in water, if canned), mackerel and sardines
- Eating fewer foods with saturated fats, cholesterol, added sugars and refined grains

"Consult a registered dietitian nutritionist who can help you build a heart-healthy nutrition plan that fits your lifestyle and needs," McCollum said.

Journalists interested in speaking with a registered dietitian nutritionist should contact the Academy's media relations department at (312) 899-4769 or media@eatright.org.

# Retail Research Project

A team of researchers are offering Chicago residents an opportunity to give their opinion on how to improve shopping options in their neighborhood. Chicago TREND (Transforming Retail Economics of Neighborhood Development) is seeking participants for an one-of-a-kind, state of the art project that will collect unique data to provide a new, much more accurate picture of how neighborhoods are changing, where retail opportunities are, where people are likely to shop or move and outline specific opportunities for retail development to help drive neighborhood change.

The action-oriented research study, which can be completed online only in English or Spanish at http://TRENDSURVEYANALYTICS.COM, seeks to provide new resources to economic developers to more accurately assess and predict retail opportunity within different Chicago communities. Data collected through the survey will be used to configure models that work to explain neighborhood and shopper choice.

Researchers are currently engaging neighborhood leaders, retailers and developers in refining their approach and are now looking to gain insight from community members on their latest shopping experience to assist researchers understand how and where Chicagoans shop, how far they travel and what they look for when shopping at various stores. Researchers will use the valuable data to identify areas for improved retail options in Chicago's neighborhoods.

Participants will remain anonymous and data provided will be used only for research purposes. Respondents can sign up to win Amazon.com gift cards.

Through this study, Chicago TREND will develop a dynamic view of the retail landscape across Chicago by creating a rich citywide database that captures business and neighborhood characteristics and trends, as well as new data on shopper behavior. All data will eventually help retailers make smarter investment decisions which in turn will drive positive neighborhood change.

Chicago TREND is funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

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# EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

## *Bill To Provide Adequate Time To Sign Up For Health Insurance Introduced*

Concerned about the ongoing technical difficulties and malfunctions with *healthcare.gov*, the Affordable Care Act's federal marketplace website, U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) introduced the Health Care Access Fairness and Penalty Delay Act. This legislation would require the Health and Human Services (HHS) Inspector General to certify when the *healthcare.gov* website is fully operational, a process that would be informed in part by periodic reports from the Government Accountability Office (GAO). Once the Inspector General certifies that the website is operational, individuals would have at least 90 days to enroll in a health care plan, and the individual mandate's penalties would not commence until 30 days later.

"[and many of my constituents have been frustrated in our efforts to use the *healthcare.gov* website to shop for health insurance and to enroll in a new plan as required for those without insurance by the Affordable Care Act," Rep. Lipinski said. "It is unacceptable that the Administration and its contractors produced a website with so many problems that have been unable to fix it. This must be rectified as soon as possible, but if it is not done in a timely manner it would be disgraceful for us to ask our constituents to direct them to use a poorly functioning portal in order to comply with the law.

"I did not vote for the Affordable Care Act but it is now the law and we need to do everything we can to try to make it work. That is why I am introducing this bill. Contrary to the proposals of House Republicans and some Democrats for a delay of a year or two, this bill would allow the 90 days for the individual mandate to take effect because of the law and the Federal and state marketplaces. Any performance based proposal would pass at a date with the individual mandate or the time it takes for healthcare.gov to become fully operational. Only at that point will people be able to effectively use the website to find health insurance, and it is only fair that we provide reasonable time and opportunity for individuals to do so.

"Should the Administration meet its goal of the healthcare.gov website being fully functional by Nov. 30, then none of the current deadlines in statute or regulation would be changed. However, under the Health Care Access Fairness and Penalty Delay Act, the enrollment period and the subsequent individual mandate and related penalties would be based on when the health insurance exchange website actually works should the technical challenges persist past that point.

## *Seek To Protect Wireless Spectrum For The Public*

Last week Congressman Robert J. Rush sent a letter to the Acting Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) asking for the preservation of over-the-air broadcasting service for the public. Congress recently adopted the law to auction broadcast spectrum space that could potentially jeopardize its public use in places of worship, sports arenas, outdoor venues and theaters. Rush along with several Members of Congress asks the FCC to protect the companies that remain in the broadcast business to ensure they have adequate spectrum to service the public.

"I am asking the FCC to consider the public as it develops spectrum rules and to keep in mind the myriad of institutions that depend heavily on wireless microphones that require spectrum space for everyday use," said Rush.

Earlier this year Rush also introduced H.R. 2911, the Wireless Microphone Users Interference Protection Act that will require the FCC to expand eligibility for FCC Part 74 licenses to certain wireless microphone users, to maintain access for wireless microphones to the FCC's TV bands database and to establish two (2) safe haven channels for wireless microphones.

The Wireless Microphone Users Interference Protection Act will make owners and operators of venues such as arenas, amusement parks, houses of worship, convention centers, theaters, and museums, etc. eligible for FCC Part 74 licenses for licensed wireless microphone operations. In addition, the Act will provide certain classes of wireless microphone users with preferred rights in coordinating access to wireless frequencies managed under the FCC's geolocation ("white spaces") database system and preserve two sets of channels (6 Mhz x 2 channels = 12 Mhz) for the exclusive use of unlicensed wireless microphones across the US (each channel supports approximately [illegible] wireless microphones).

The purpose of the letter sent to the FCC today and the legislation introduced is to balance the competing interests of large manufacturers of consumer electronic devices with the needs of broadcasters, churches, performing theaters, and professional and sports leagues, colleges and universities, museums and convention centers, who rely and depend heavily upon the use of unlicensed wireless microphones.

## *Applaud Vote On Employment Non-Discrimination Act*

Last week Congressman Bill Foster commended the Senate for voting 64-32 in favor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). The act would provide basic protections against workplace discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

"I am very pleased that the Senate has passed this important legislation with bipartisan support. Now it is time for the House to take action," said Foster. "My father was a civil rights lawyer and I was raised with a strong belief that everyone – no matter who they are, where they came from, or who they love – deserves equal rights under the law."

Congressman Foster is a cosponsor of H.R. 1755, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2013.

# *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Attorney General Lisa Madigan, in cooperation with the Illinois Joining Forces Financial Literacy Working Group, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and other advocates, hosted a resource fair last Friday to assist veterans and military service members in recognition of the Veterans Day holiday.

Madigan's Military and Veterans Rights Bureau and its partnering groups were on site from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the atrium of the James R. Thompson Center.

The event provided information about benefits for Illinois veterans along with helpful consumer advice and tips for avoiding scams that target veterans. Two local VFW Veterans Service Officers were available to provide assistance to veterans with their Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits claims.

Veterans, who need assistance applying for VA benefits, including pension and disability compensation, are encouraged to utilize the free services of a recognized, accredited VSO, such as those from the VFW. Madigan's Military and Veterans Rights Bureau provides men and women with information they need to understand their legal rights and programs to help them make sound financial decisions.

For more information, contact Madigan's Military and Veterans Rights Hotline at 1-800-382-3000 or visit Madigan's website to find additional resources.

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Bob Kuenster, owner-director of Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home in Oak Lawn, will host the annual "Coping with the Holidays" seminar on Tuesday, Nov. 19th at 7 p.m. Reverend James Heneghan will discuss ways one can acknowledge their grief and honor the loss of a loved one during the holiday season. For those who have lost someone they loved, this program could play an important part in coping with the emotions of the holidays. Kindly RSVP to (708) 425-0502. Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home is located at 5570 W. 95th Street.

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Congressman Bill Foster (IL-11) sent All Points this statement echoing the President's call on Congress to pass comprehensive legislation regarding immigration reform. Foster cited calls for action from the business and religious communities, law enforcement and local municipal leaders.

"We cannot continue to ignore this critical issue any longer. The time is now to pass comprehensive immigration reform that secures our borders, improves our legal immigration system, strengthens our economy, reduces our debt, and provides a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented immigrants already in the country," said Foster.

Recently, Foster received a letter from Illinois mayors urging Congress to take action to pass comprehensive immigration reform. The letter was signed by mayors throughout Illinois including Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner and Joliet Mayor Tom Giarrante.

"There has been overwhelming support from the religious community, business community, law enforcement and people from all walks of life. How long can Congress continue to ignore their calls for reform? It's time for Congress to stop ignoring this critical issue and take action," added Foster.

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Brian Hopkins, administrative assistant to Cook County Commissioner John P. Daley, has announced his intent to run for Alderman of the Second Ward in Chicago. The newly drawn Second Ward, the "New Two" runs from Streeterville to Wicker Park. The Hopkins for Chicago team invites friends and interested residents to meet Hopkins on Thursday evening, Nov. 21st from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lizzie McNeill's, 400 N. Michigan Ct., Chicago. Tickets are $50 for young professionals, $100 per individual. Sponsorships are also available. Tickets include beer, wine, well drinks and appetizers.

To RSVP contact Mia Phifer at mia@miaphifer.com or (773) 398-0066.

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Marist High School has announced they will host an Open House event on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. According to Patti Arvesen, Director of Marketing & Communications, "Open house gives grade school students and their families the chance to tour the school, meet with teachers, coaches, and students, and review the academic, athletic and extracurricular programs available at Marist." She continued "the day will also allow visitors to see Marist's Academic Resource Center, athletic facilities, theatre, student activity center, technology-enhanced classrooms, and other state-of-the-art facilities."

Marist will also host two "Meet Marist" events on Wednesday, Dec. 11th and Friday, Jan. 10th. Both evenings will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The events will provide students and families with a brief presentation about the school, followed by an abbreviated tour and the chance to speak with students, teachers, and coaches.

The opportunity to shadow at Marist as part of the Fridays at Marist program is also available through Dec. 13th. Students can register in advance online at www.marist.net. For more information call (773) 881-5140.

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Tickets are on sale for Park Lawn's "Be Grateful" Raffle with the grand prize being $5,000 cash. The second prize is $1,500, third prize is $500. Only 555 tickets will be sold.

Park Lawn's "Be Grateful" tickets cost $50 each. Tickets and more information are available online at www.parklawn.com or by calling 708-425-6067. Tickets can also be purchased at Park Lawn located at 10833 S. LaPorte in Oak Lawn.

Ticket purchasers are also eligible for the Bonus Raffle. For an additional $20, ticket buyers can participate in a split the pot where 50% of the total will go towards the winner and 50% to Park Lawn. In years past, the split the pot amount exceeded the second place winnings.

Park Lawn is asking why everyone is grateful. It's named the "Be Grateful" raffle because everyone at Park Lawn is beyond grateful for the support of the community in helping continue the mission to provide services that promote independence, choice and access to community living for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The "Be Grateful" winners will be announced Thursday, Dec. 12th, at 12 p.m. Winner need not be present. The drawing will take place at Park Lawn School, 10833 S. LaPorte in Oak Lawn.

Local non-profit organization Park Lawn Association provides residential and vocations support through a total of 12 facilities throughout the South Suburbs of Chicago for more than 450 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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The American Heritage Sertoma Club has asked All Points to alert readers that they will be holding an electrifying "Country Western Night" Fundraiser at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest on Feb. 28, 2014. According to Chairperson JoAnne Cano, tickets for the event will be $50 per person. Admission will include 4 hours of country-style music provided by "Suburban Cowboy," 4 hours of open bar and 2 hours of appetizers will be served. Split the Pot and other raffles will also fill the evening.

The American Heritage Sertoma Club is proud to sponsor various entities such as Together We Cope, a homelessness prevention agency and service to individuals and families going through a crisis, St. Coletta's, a residential program designed to provide quality housing for special needs individuals allowing clients to be integrated into the community and become members of society, The Teen Bridge in Orland Park, an innovative non-profit organization designed to provide free programs during after-school unsupervised hours where students can develop mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually in a safe environment, Sertoma Centre in Alsip, a nationally accredited non-profit agency that provides service to more than 600 individuals with developmental, physical and emotional disabilities.

For additional information and sponsorship opportunities, contact Chairperson JoAnne Cano at (708) 403-8734.

# Durbin Applauds Health System For Early Roll Out Of Affordable Care Act

Cook County Health & Hospitals System (CHHS) Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Ram Raju announced the health system has initiated 120,000 applications for CountyCare an early roll out of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Thus far CCHHS has exceeded its original goal of initiating 115,000 applications by Dec. 31 more than two months ahead of schedule.

Cook County Board President Tom Preckwinkle noted the County's early implementation of the ACA will help transform the health system and improve the health of residents.

"CountyCare was a vision of what health care should look like in this country. Today, that vision is reality in Cook County," Preckwinkle said. "The Affordable Care Act is doing its job here and providing health care to tens of thousands of Cook County residents."

CountyCare is an Illinois Medicaid program approved under the federal government's 1115 Medicaid Waiver, which permits CCHHS to early enroll individuals who will be eligible for Medicaid in 2014 through the Affordable Care Act.

"CountyCare's success shows yet again the demand for and benefits of expanded access to healthcare here in Illinois. I have worked throughout my career to support Cook County's health system and the people it serves, which is why I'm pleased that this is also just a taste of what's to come in 2014, when the full benefits of the Affordable Care Act will be realized and 700,000 more Illinoisans will gain access to health insurance. CountyCare will serve as a national model for the success of the Affordable Care Act, increasing low-income residents' quality of care and saving money by reducing costly emergency room visits. I commend President Preckwinkle and Dr. Raju for their steadfast commitment to expanding access to affordable care," U.S. Senator Richard Durbin said.

Officials noted that applications are coming in from every corner of the county.

"While we are proud of the grassroots approach we took in outreach, what the numbers really demonstrate is the tremendous demand for health care throughout our county. This is a humbling but enormously rewarding day for us as we provide thousands of people with access to high quality health care for the first time," said Dr. Ram Raju, CEO, Cook County Health & Hospitals System.

The Cook County Health & Hospitals System provides more than $500 million in uncompensated care annually. CCHHS has a charity care program in place called CareLink, designed to ensure that people who cannot afford to pay or can only pay for a portion of their healthcare are not saddled with the financial burden of paying bills they cannot afford. Officials recently attributed a 28 percent decrease in CareLink discounts provided to people enrolling in CountyCare.

Once a CountyCare member, members receive covered services at no cost to them. Covered services include prescription drugs, regular and specialty visits within a broad network of doctors, hospitals, laboratory and x-ray services, mammograms, mental health treatment, public transportation, and other services.

To qualify, applicants must live in Cook County, be 19-64 years of age without dependents at home, have a Social Security number and be a legal immigrant for at least 5 years or a U.S. citizen. Yearly income must be below $15,282 for an individual or $20,628 per couple. Applicants must not be receiving or eligible for Medicaid, Medicare or CHIP. Learn more about CountyCare by calling (312) 864-8208 or visit www.CountyCare.com. story

# *Bliss Elected To Mendel Hall Of Fame*

**The Mendel Catholic High School Alumni Association has announced that Mr. Larry Bliss (pictured) was recently inducted into the Mendel Catholic High School Hall of Fame. Mendel Catholic was an all male Augustinian high school located on the south side of Chicago in the Roseland community, from 1951-1988. Mendel's Hall of Fame is now located at its sister school, St. Rita of Cascia, another south side institution operated by the Augustinian Fathers and Brothers.**

**Larry Bliss was elected to the Hall of Fame for his exemplary scholastic and professional accomplishments. While at Mendel, he was elected class president both his junior and senior years, and served as president of the Student Senate his senior year.**

**Larry earned a B.S. BA degree in Finance (cum laude) from Xavier University in Cincinnati; and an MBA degree in Finance from Indiana University. He enjoyed a forty-six year professional career in banking and investment management in Chicago.**

**Larry and his wife Mary Ellen Bliss have been married for forty-four years and have four children. They have resided in Western Springs for the past forty-one years.**

# Chicago Trolley Food Drive

Chicago Trolley Co. gives back this holiday season with the 2nd annual "Give Thanks, Give Food" drive supporting the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Trolley patrons are invited to bring a non-perishable food item to the Trolley Stops at Millennium Park (11 S. Michigan Avenue) or Magnificent Mile (401 S. Michigan) through Nov. 24 and will receive $5 off the regular price of an Explore Chicago ticket to Chicago Trolley's Signature Hop-On, Hop-Off Sightseeing Tour or 15% off a private Trolley charter. For more information, visit www.chicagotrolley.com or call 773-648-6000.

"Chicago Trolley aims to fill an entire trolley with non-perishable items in order to give back to the city that we tour each and every day," said President of Chicago Trolley Co. Jim Schwartz. "On Monday, Nov. 25, it will be our privilege to have Chicago Trolley employees deliver all collected food to the Greater Chicago Food Depository just in time for the Thanksgiving Holiday."

The Greater Chicago Food Depository, Chicago's food bank, is a nonprofit food distribution and training center providing food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in the community. The Food Depository distributes donated and purchased food through a network of 650 pantries, soup kitchens and shelters to 678,000 adults and children in Cook County every year. Last year the Food Depository distributed 66 million pounds of nonperishable food and fresh produce, dairy products and meat, the equivalent of 150,000 meals every day. Innovative training programs and initiatives developed by the Food Depository also work to provide men, women and children with the tools necessary to break their individual cycles of poverty.

The Signature Hop-On, Hop-Off Sightseeing Tour covers 13 miles with 13 stops, giving patrons the option of visiting Chicago's hottest retail, cultural and family attractions. Among the stops on the Signature Tour are Skydeck Chicago, the famed museum campus (Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium and Adler Planetarium), the historic Chicago Theater, Millennium Park, Water Tower Place, The Art Institute, Navy Pier and the John Hancock Observatory. The full downtown tour is approximately two hours riding time, with all day access to hop on and off. Tours operate daily with vehicles departing the designated stops every 25-30 minutes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. year round. The last boarding call is 4 p.m. daily during the winter months. There are no tours Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Explore Chicago Tickets are $45 for adults, $40 for seniors (65+) and military personnel and $17 for children 11 and under (children under 3 ride free). Tickets can be purchased from Chicago Trolley & Double Decker red-vested ticket sales agents posted in multiple locations throughout the city or online at www.chicagotrolley.com. Riders will save 10% off of regular rates when purchasing tickets in advance online.


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# New Laughter Circle

A new laughter circle will meet on Sunday evening, Dec. 1st at 6 p.m. at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park.

Laughter leader Kathy O'Brien brings laughter and all its benefits to the new Laughter Circle program. What's a laughter circle? It's a group of people who want to LAUGH! Not from jokes or comedy routines but rather from laughter for the sake of laughter! Research shows that laughter strengthens the immune system, reduces stress and anxiety, alleviates pain, and helps people get along better. O'Brien is a registered nurse and an Advanced Certified Laughter Leader. She asks a donation to The Center of $10 per participant. Advance registration is appreciated. Interested persons should call The Center at (708) 361-3650.


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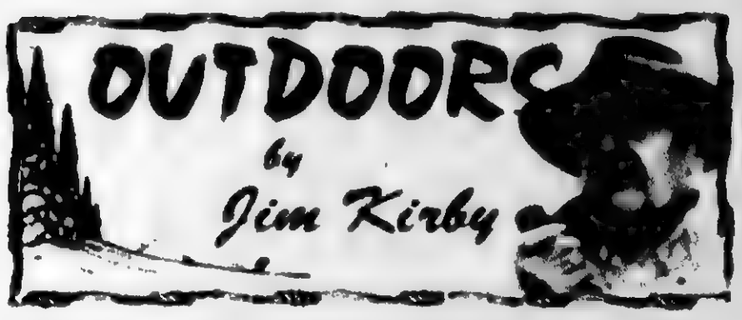


**DRIFTING DOWN THE KANKAKEE RIVER:** A few weeks ago **Mike Lahart**, Palos Hills' hooked us on a catch and release fishing trip with **Capt. Austin Adduci** of *Great Lakes Fly Charters* who guides anglers on Lake Michigan and the Kankakee River. The plan was to 'drift' down the river fishing for smallmouth bass.

We met up with Austin at a launch site in the Kankakee State Park where we boarded a 16 foot fiberglass Clackacraft Drift Boat. This is a boat designed for drifting down a river without any power other than oars to keep you on track, avoid rocks and sand bars, maneuver through rapids and put you in a position to fish likely fish cover and holes.

**L-R: Mike Lahart – Jim Kirby drifting down the Kankakee River**

As we started out, the temperature was only 37 degrees with light snow showers and strong winds from the west, more suited for duck hunting, not what could be considered ideal weather for a fishing trip down the river. Austin's guided trips are generally for fly fishermen, my two bad shoulders put an end to my fly fishing days, so I sat in the front with my spinning rod while Mike fly fished in the rear of the boat. Mike spends a lot of time on the Kankakee wading and fly fishing for smallies when the river conditions permit it. He also duck and goose hunts, we passed many of his fishing spots and duck blinds during the trip down the river.

About an hour into the drift the wind got so bad that if Austin stopped rowing the boat would drift backward upstream. Mike had to switch to a spinning rod. When we got to the Warner Bridge boat ramp, we stopped and Austin set up a propane gas grill and cooked us a tasty shore lunch followed with a mild cigar. "It just doesn't get any better than that."

After the six-mile, six-hour trip during which time we only saw two other fishermen, we got to the take out point, loaded the boat on the trailer and drove back to the put in ramp where our car was parked and said our good-byes promising to "do it again." I would like to mention that the boat was one of the most comfortable boats I have ever fished in, very stable, comfortable seats, plenty of leg room and a handy station for stabilizing you while standing up and casting.

Austin runs guided fishing trips on the Kankakee in Illinois and the Pere Marquette River in Michigan as well as the southern end of Lake Michigan and Beaver Island in Lake Michigan on his 17-foot fully-equipped Aluminacraft boat. He also offers an on-the-water fly fishing tutorial trip for those folks new to the art of fly fishing. For more information or to book a trip with Capt. Austin call (708) 403-1221 or go to adduci@aol.com.

**●REGIONAL OUTDOOR NEWS:** ***Cook County Nov. 15:** 7 p.m. A Night in November, Little Red School House. An evening nature walk in mid November. Pre-registration required, $2. ***Nov. 23:** 1 p.m. Attracting Birds, Sagawau Learning Center, Lemont. Feeding birds is a great way to attract birds to your yard, learn how to provide a refuge for birds.

***Illinois** – Boating Legislation – Three separate bills aimed at increasing safety on public waters are being discussed statewide by a special Senate committee. SB 1805 would require a boater to fly a flag visible to other boaters when towing a tuber or skier. SB 1437 would require anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1980 to take a mandatory boater education course before operating motorized watercraft. SB 1478 would link Operating Under the Influence (OUI) to Driving Under the Influence (DUI). This would summarily suspend someone's driving privileges for three months if that person is convicted of two or more OUI convictions.

**●THINK ABOUT IT:** *Fishing is a luxurious way of taking it easy.*

**●E-Mail Jim Kirby:** [illegible]

# Moraine Valley Men's Soccer Pleased With 2013 Season

[illegible] penalty kicks in the qualifier rounds of NJCAA Region IV playoffs was not the ideal way to end 2013 but the Moraine Valley Community College men's soccer team couldn't be upset with the effort, a winning record and impressive all-around play to cap their year.

Coming from a losing record in 2012, the Cyclones, [illegible] and experienced players, wanted redemption. They certainly achieved that goal with an overall 9-6-1 record and a second place finish in the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference thanks to a 4-3 conference record.

Coming in second was good. This year my main goal was to erase the trauma of last season, get back to winning in the correct way and to play good soccer. Our focus was on playing a good passing game, moving around a lot, [illegible] well and many returners were hungry because of last year's disappointment. It all came together quite well," said head coach Chuck Bales.

In their final game against McHenry County College, the Cyclones had set to come out of a match goal-less. After two overtimes and a 0-0 score, Moraine Valley fell in penalty kicks but worked hard every minute. Throughout the year they were never overmatched in any game except one with Morton College when they lost 5-1. With some tweaking the Cyclones rebounded. Some of the losses were only by one goal, oftentimes just mistakes. Overall, the teams in Region IV were so evenly matched that no one could expect easy wins, but Moraine Valley had more than most.

Several players received honors this year including Luis Tchotombo (international) and Jordy Padilla (Lincolnwood) both named to the All-Region IV team. They also had made the All Conference first team along with sophomore Greg Heaty (Stagg) and team captain Joe Marty (Highland). All Conference second team accolades went to Steve Henry (Oak Lawn), Rasulio Pantaleon (Lincolnwood), Patryk Paprocki (Lane), and goalkeeper Chris Vidos (Brother Rice). Marty and co-captain Jorge Martinez (Reavis) were key in helping the squad come together not only through their work ethic, but with positive attitudes. Bales credits up some team success to that high team morale and bonding.

Next season if most of the freshmen return, the team will have a solid base to build from. Bales also wants the new Health, Fitness & Recreation Center, scheduled to open in the spring, to be a springboard to help raise the status of the Cyclones.

# The Mature Athlete Seminar

Thomas G. Mulvey M.S., P.T., M.B.A.

**The Number of people over the age of forty , participating in sports activities, recreational activities, and/ or conditioning has increased significantly over the last twenty years. The older population is not only becoming more active, but they are also competing in various activities from running to weight lifting . Fitness Centers are becoming filled with an older generation that is healthier, living longer, and remaining independent as individuals. This seminar will go over the natural changes that occur with aging, the end result of these changes, and current trends in healthcare.**

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### REDUCING YOUR CHANCE OF DIABETES

Almost 10 percent of our nation has diabetes – that comes 25 million people. A new government study performed on over 200,000 people by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has found, however, that making just one lifestyle change can reduce your chance of developing type 2 diabetes by one third.

Five specific lifestyle factors affect your risk of diabetes. The NIH says that each factor can lower your risk by one third, and the combination of all five may reduce the risk by about 80%. Here are the five changes to make, starting today, to stay out of those staggering statistics.

**Drop extra pounds.** The more fat you have the more difficult it is for your body to use insulin properly. This will cause too much glucose (simple sugar) to build up in your blood. The NIH suggests that being a healthy weight can reduce your risk by about 30%. The good news is that every pound lost improves your health.

**Exercise more.** Moving more lowers your blood sugar and increases blood insulin sensitivity. Twenty minutes of exercise a day should be your rule of thumb. Walking and bicycling are excellent options. Increasing muscle mass may help lower your risk as well, so a combination of aerobic exercise and resistance training should be included in your routine if possible.

**Eat more fiber and whole grains.** This will improve blood sugar levels and lower your risk. Foods should include fruits and vegetables, beans, nuts and seeds, whole grain breads and whole grain products such as brown rice.

**Lower your fat intake.** Choose lean meats and low fat dairy products, have fish a few times weekly, cook with oils instead of solid fats, and cut back on snacks and sweets.

**Don't smoke.** Heavy smokers – those who smoke more than 20 cigarettes daily – almost double their risk of developing diabetes.

**Stick to two drinks max daily.** This means women one and men two. Too much alcohol can chronically inflame the pancreas, which slows down its ability to secrete insulin, leading to diabetes.

As always, check in with your family doctor before making drastic lifestyle changes. He or she will advise you further on what can affect your health status, and how to safely proceed on interventions addressed above.

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# Diabetes Projected To Increase 25 Percent

The percentage of Illinois adults diagnosed with diabetes rose 60 percent between 1998 and 2010, and it is projected the number of diagnosed diabetes cases will rise another 25 percent by 2030. This November, American Diabetes Month, Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck is encouraging everyone to learn the risk factors for diabetes and how to reduce or eliminate them.

"With more than 827,000 adults in Illinois diagnosed with diabetes and more than 2,700 residents dying from the disease each year, you need to know how to control your risk of being diagnosed with diabetes," said Dr. Hasbrouck. "First learn your numbers – weight, blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol levels – and then talk with your health care professional about what you can do to make sure those numbers are at a healthy level."

Diabetes is a serious chronic disease caused when blood sugar (glucose) levels are above normal and a hormone called insulin is not able to help glucose get into the cells, causing sugar to build up in the blood. When this happens, it can cause kidney failure, blindness, heart attacks, strokes and amputations.

Major risk factors for developing diabetes include: obesity (overweight), age, physically inactive, ethnicity, unhealthy diet, chronic conditions, tobacco use and family history.

The Illinois adult mortality rate for diabetes in 2010 (the most recent available data) was 19.5 per 100,000 compared to the U.S. rate of 22.4 per 100,000. By gender, race and ethnicity, in 2010, more men than women in Illinois died due to diabetes; more blacks than whites; and more non-Hispanic than Hispanic.

Signs of diabetes may include: increased thirst, fatigue, increased urination, blurred vision, increased hunger, weight loss (despite eating more than usual) and slow-healing sores or frequent infections.

According to the American Diabetes Association, in 2012, medical expenses attributable to diabetes in Illinois totaled $8.98 billion, and indirect expenses, such as lost productivity and premature mortality, totaled more than $2.39 billion.

Diabetes prevention lifestyle changes include:

* Watching your weight – set realistic, yet clinically meaningful weight loss goals.
* Eating healthy – talk with a registered dietitian who specializes in diabetes.
* Being active – 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity five days a week.
* Controlling your blood pressure and cholesterol – talk with a primary care physician.

For more information about diabetes and to take a test to determine your risk for the disease, go to *http://www.idph.state.il.us/diabetes/index.htm*

# Craft & Vendor Fair

There will be a Black Friday/Support Your Local Business Craft & Vendor Fair at Evergreen Racquet & Fitness Center on Friday, Nov. 29th from 6 to 9 p.m. The entry fee is $3 for those 18 and up, and includes a raffle ticket. Any interested vendors, please contact jillian.rob@gmail.com.

# "Let's Recycle"

The Evergreen Park High School Athletic Boosters will be having their "Let's Recycle" Annual Garage Sale/Antique Indoor Market on Saturday, Feb. 8th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Evergreen Park High School, 9901 S. Kedzie, in both gyms. Table rental is $25 or 2 for $40. All are welcome!

For additional information, call Chris at (708) 407-3189 or visit Lhonley@evergreenpark.org

# Fair Trade Bazaar And Luncheon

The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, will host a Fair Trade Luncheon and Bazaar on Tuesday, Nov. 19th featuring international Fair Trade organizations which help artisans and farmers to receive a fair price for their work.

A luncheon incorporating some of the fair trade products will be served at 12 noon, followed by a 1 p.m. presentation by Kathy Hahn of Rhythm of Hope, who will talk about the work of her organization in supporting the families of African children with HIV AIDS through education, microloans, fresh water wells, gifts of goats or chickens, and by selling fair trade handcrafts. Fair Trade is a system of trade in which artisans and farmers receive living wages and employment opportunities for the products they produce.

From 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. guests will have an opportunity to shop at the bazaar for Fair Trade items including fair trade coffee from Peru, chocolate from Ghana, olive oil from Palestine, bean soup mixes from a women's cooperative in Denver, and African purses, shirts, cards, baskets, ornaments, Nativity scenes, scarves, napkins and jewelry from Rhythm of Hope.

The luncheon cost is $17 per person and requires advance reservations. Folks who do not attend the luncheon may stop in to shop at the bazaar between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call (708) 361-3650.


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# Staying Fit For A Good Long Time

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**Why Work Out**

Exercise not only helps increase bone density and functional abilities, it can improve mental and emotional health, support a sense of purpose and provide opportunity for socialization.

**Exercise For Older People**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, older adults need at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity aerobic activity such as brisk walking every week and muscle strengthening activities on two or more days a week.

Residents in Brookdale retirement communities across the nation enjoy Brookdale Fitness Bold, a unique program that aims to maximize seniors' functional abilities. The classes have residents perform exercises that incorporate components of tai chi, brain-challenging movements and meditative relaxation.

Offered at least three days a week, the Brookdale program is based on the latest guidelines of the American College of Sports Medicine. The new guidelines include cardiovascular, resistance training, flexibility and neuromotor components of exercise.

"The neuromotor aspect includes tai chi movements as a way to improve balance and reduce falls," explained Kevin O Neil, M.D., Brookdale's Chief Medical Officer.

Resident Martha Jean Wells praises the program. "It helps both physically and mentally. Plus, there is something everyone can do. I'm 84, and there are ladies older than me who are participating."

Each class can be customized to meet the needs of each resident, regardless of their challenges. It's one of several Signature Programs by the leading owner and operator of senior living communities. Others include Optimum Life Health Talks, educational opportunities for residents to learn about health and wellness topics from nurses or therapists; The Ageless Spirit, a program that provides opportunities for residents to explore the role of spirituality in their individual lives, health and overall well-being, and My Life Story, a reminiscence and writing program that helps residents share their life story with loved ones.

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# Christmas Show Trip

Diane and Tom Paruch in conjunction with the Prairie Farmers fellowship from Trinity Church at 9230 S. Pulaski invite the entire community to be part of their "traveling road show" to the PURDUE UNIVERSITY CHRISTMAS SHOW in West Lafayette, Indiana on Saturday, Dec. 7th.

A 54 passenger coach bus will leave the parking lot at 12:30 p.m. and return at 8:45 p.m. The day will include a 2-hour spectacular and meaningful Christmas program; a prime rib/fish meal at the Sycamore Restaurant, and transportation for only $82. Only 5 seats remain available, so call Diane Tom at (708) 636-7548 with your reservation ASAP.

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# Nolan Family Welcomes Dr. Mark Colander

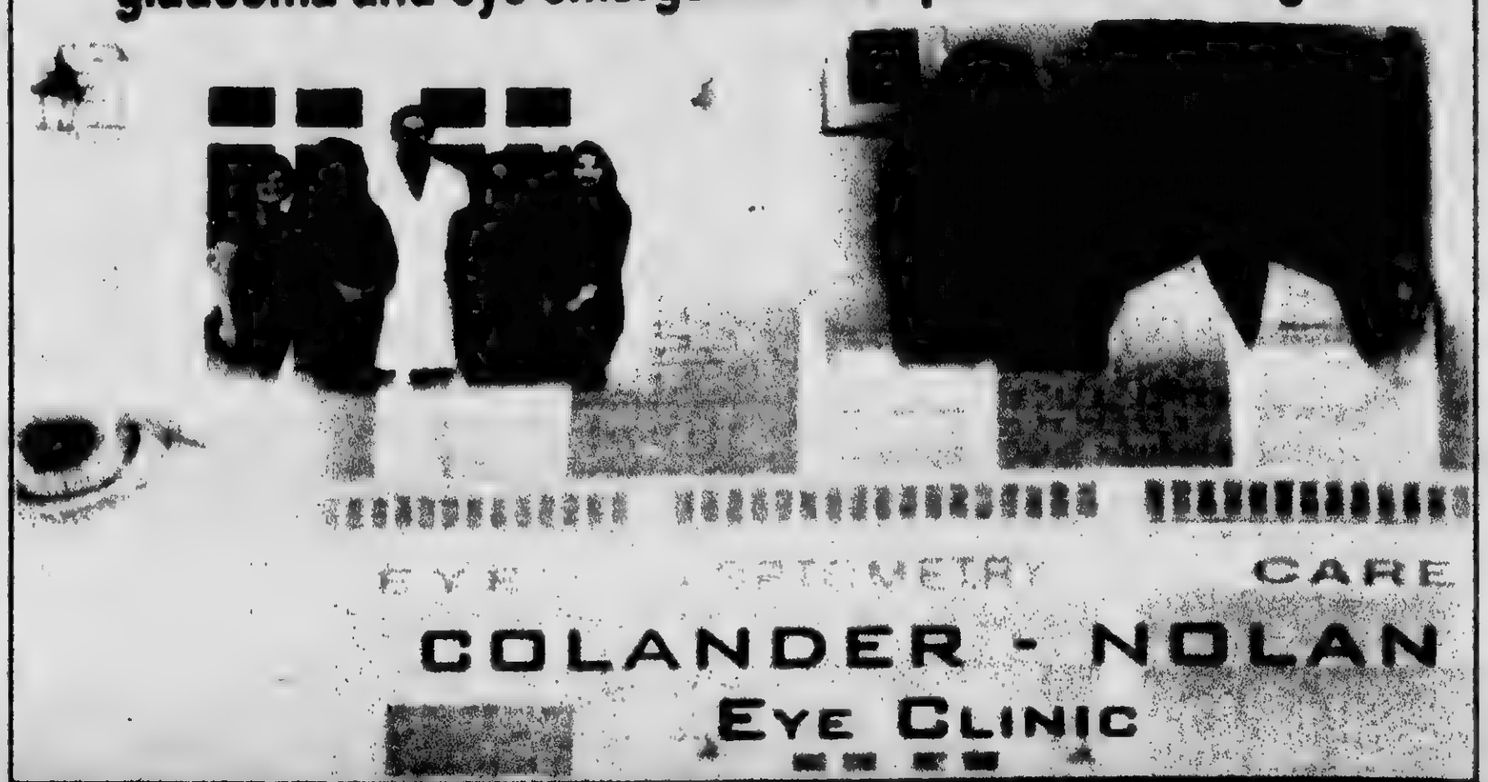
Dr. Joseph Nolan, the founder of Colander Nolan Eye Clinic, graduated from St. Rita High School in 1942. Following high school he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served as a fighter pilot in World War II. After serving his country Dr. Nolan graduated from Illinois College of Optometry in 1949 and opened his first practice in the Brainerd Community. The Nolan practice moved to 95th and Cicero, Oak Lawn, Illinois in the Green Oaks Shopping Center in 1958. Dr. Joseph Nolan was a prominent Oak Lawn Optometrist and Contact Lens Specialist. His local research in contact lenses, evolved to the science of Orthokeratology, the use of a programmed series of contact lenses to change the corneal curvature and improve unaided vision. Dr. Joseph Nolan lectured in many areas around the world, even winning the MIKI Award for the most prolific lecturer in the State of Illinois. The Practice remained in Oak Lawn until present building at 11412 S. Harlem was completed in January 1980.

In the late 1970s Nolan Eyecare became a second generation practice with addition of Dr. Joseph Nolan's son, John. After graduating from Brother Rice High School, John earned his undergraduate degree from Northern Illinois University. Dr. John Nolan followed in his father's footsteps and obtained his doctorate from Illinois College of Optometry. Dr. John's work emphasized the importance of yearly contact lens checkups by an eye specialist to avoid corneal problems, as well as the importance of eye examinations for everyone at a very early age.

In November of 2012 Dr. John Nolan lost his battle with cancer. Both Doctors were and continue to be remembered for their great Optometric care of their patients.

In September 2013, the Nolan Family welcomed Dr. Mark Colander to the practice. Dr. Colander is a Southside native from Queen of Martyrs Parish and a graduate of Brother Rice High School. He obtained his Bachelors of Science degree from Loyola University Chicago and earned his Doctorate of Optometry from Illinois College of Optometry. After earning his optometry degree Dr. Colander completed an ocular disease residency, providing care to Veterans at the Huntington VA Medical Center in Huntington. Dr. Colander is proud to continue on the quality eye care that the Drs. Nolan have provided to the community for more than 50 years.


**The Nolan Family is pleased to welcome Dr. Mark Colander to Colander-NolanEye Clinic. He provides routine eye exams, as well as treating cataracts, macular degeneration, glaucoma and eye emergencies for patients of all ages.**

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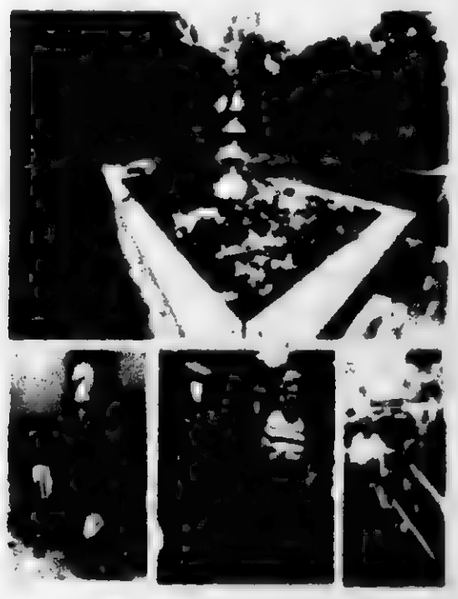

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# Tips On Staying Healthy As You Age

(NAPSA) There's good news for older individuals who are concerned about their health and fitness. There are simple steps they can take to help them maintain a healthier lifestyle.

Experts say that as you age, it's important to stick with healthy eating habits and get regular physical activity. That's because staying at a healthy weight may lower your risk for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and some cancers. Regular physical activity may even help you ward off depression and keep bones and muscles healthy.

To help, here are some tips from the Weight-control Information Network (WIN). WIN is a national information service of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health.

**Get the Fuel You Need**

- Eat more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean meats. Eat less white bread, rice and pasta made from refined grains. Avoid foods with added sugars or solid fats such as shortening and butter.
- Choose high-fiber foods, such as whole-grain breads and cereals, and vegetables with deep color, such as kale and sweet potatoes.
- Stay hydrated. You might feel less thirsty as you get older, but your body still needs fluid to stay healthy. Tea, water, low-fat milk and other unsweetened drinks may help.

**Enjoy Movement and Physical Activity**

- Make physical activity part of your daily life. Take short walks throughout your day. If you use a walker or cane, or if walking is hard for you, talk to your doctor about activities that are safe for you to do.
- and lower arms and legs for a number of counts to strengthen your muscles. You can even do this while seated.
- If you live in an assisted living or retirement facility, ask if the fitness center offers a free health checkup and fitness program.

**Be Good to Yourself**

- Get enough sleep.
- Join a walking group or other social group.
- Stay in touch with family and friends.

**There's More**

For more tips from WIN's brochure "Young at Heart: Tips for Older Adults," visit www.win.niddk.nih.gov/publications/young_heart.htm.

For more information, call WIN at 1-877-946-4627 or visit www.win.niddk.nih.gov.


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# Boxes Of Food And Tons Of Fun

Hannum Fall Fest was a great success both for students and their neighboring food pantry.

Fall Fest at Hannum School is always "a spooktacular event." On Thursday, Oct. 24th, over 420 guests walked through Hannum doors to kick off the fall season. Students danced to the flashing lights of the DJ and sang right along to the music.

Good old-fashioned games like Jenga and Kerplunk came to life as they were super-sized from their original versions. Fifty-five volunteers served food, applied face paints, and kept the excitement down to a gentle roar!

This year, guests were asked to bring a canned good or nonperishable food item to help stock the St. Germaine food pantry. They were very happy to provide 12 boxes of food for their neighbors.

And you can't have a Hannum Fall Fest without a visit from Sorceress Connor who stirs her witches brew and reads Fright Night Flight to all that dare enter her lair!

# *OLHMS Band Students Hit Their Notes!*

**Students auditioned alongside nearly a thousand other students from schools throughout the Chicago area.**

**We are pleased to announce that six OLHMS Band students were selected to perform in the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) Honor Band and Jazz Band. Our students auditioned this weekend alongside nearly a thousand other students from schools throughout the Chicago area for the opportunity to perform with a guest conductor at a prestigious concert in November.**

**Congratulations to Kayla Lazaricky (French horn) and Jonathan McLawhorn (trumpet) on being selected for the ILMEA Concert Band. Rafal Czech (trombone), Cole Kareta (bass), Matt Lagiola (tenor sax), Jonathan McLawhorn, and Lukas Williams (alto sax) for making it into the ILMEA Jazz Band. We would also like to recognize Jonathan McLawhorn for making both ILMEA groups and Cole Kareta and Kayla Lazaricky for making it for the second year in a row.**

**Pictured: Rafal Czech, Kayla Lazaricky, Jonathan McLawhorn, Cole Kareta, Lukas Williams and Matthew Lagiola.**

# *National Merit Honors Shepard Seniors*

**The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has honored a pair of seniors from Shepard High School this year.**

**Kim Kosman (right) and Mike Peretz (left) each have been named Commended Students based on their performance on the National Merit qualifying test last spring.**

**They scored among the top three percent of the more than 1.5 million juniors who took the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test.**

## OAK LAWN POLICE CALLS

On Oct. 21, an unidentified woman was caught on surveillance cameras stealing a large number of cigars worth $95[illegible] from behind a counter at Jewel-Osco, 8001 S. Ridgeland Ave. The female offender was seen on tapes entering the store with an empty bag and a man. She went behind the counter and filled her bag with the cigars before they both left. She was described as white between 18 and 22, with long brown hair. She was wearing a multi colored striped hooded shirt. The man with her was described as white between 20 and 24, dressed in black pants and a black t-shirt and a black ski cap.

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On Oct. 22, while shopping at the Salvation Army store, 87th and Cicero, two women had their wallets stolen out of their purses. One of the women told police that someone took her wallet from her purse that was in her shopping cart. The wallet contained $[illegible] cash, IDs and keys. The second victim said that her wallet contained $[illegible] and IDs.

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On Oct. [illegible] A. Rios of Hometown was arrested for driving under the influence, driving on a suspended license, driving without insurance and failure to yield turning [illegible] at 95th and Cicero. She got a ticket for driving [illegible] Rios was taken [illegible] Hospital [illegible]

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Richard M. Alvarado of Evergreen Park was arrested for driving on a suspended license, without insurance and failure to yield at a stop sign after a traffic stop at 95th and Oak Center Drive where he cut across an intersection in front of a police vehicle.


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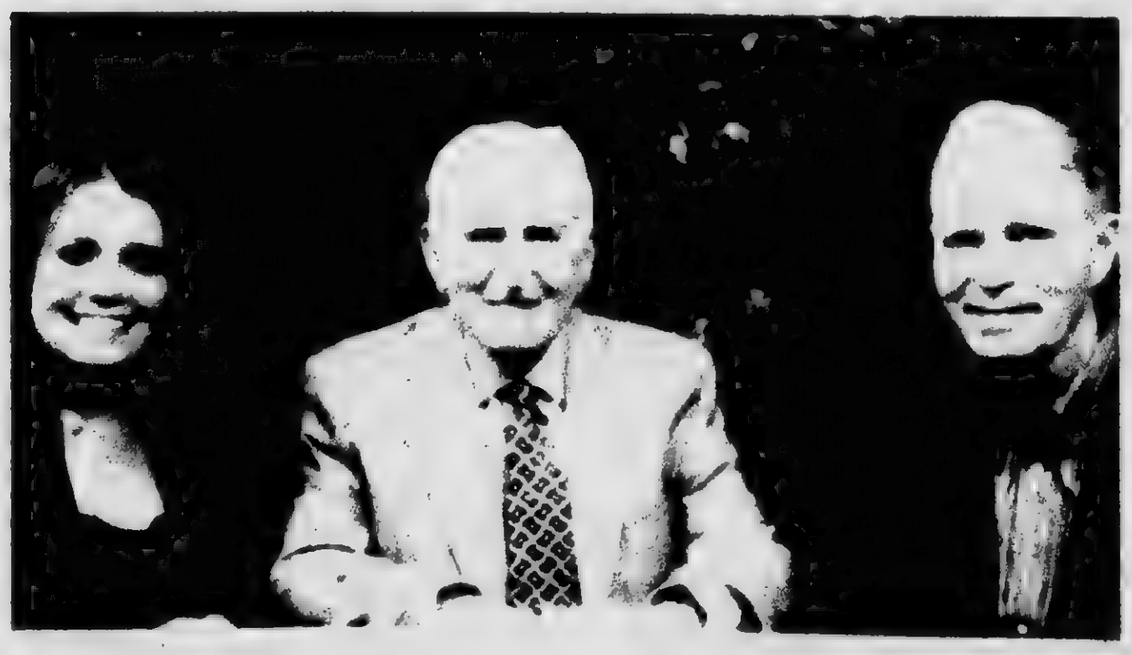

# *"The Ed McElroy Show"*

**Ed McElroy, host of "The Ed McElroy Show," recently interviewed Lauren Brougham Glennon, Senior Associate at Worsek & Vihon, LLP, specializing in Property Tax Law and Former Senator Patrick O'Malley.**

**The show will air at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 19th and again on Tuesday, Nov. 26th on Comcast Channel 19.**

**McElroy is Past National Commander of Catholic War Veterans, USA.**

**Pictured left to right are Lauren Brougham Glennon, Ed McElroy and Former Senator Patrick O'Malley.**

# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Army National Guard Pvt. Chris M. Hanus has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. He is the son of Annette and Mike Hanus of Chicago Ridge. Hanus is a 2012 graduate of Richards High School in Oak Lawn.

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Army Pfc. Brian M. Candès has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. He is the son of Cynthia Esser of Orland Park and Daniel Candès of Oak Lawn. Candès is a 2005 graduate of Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park.

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Army National Guard Spec. Heather L. Haney has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. Haney is the daughter of Wayne and Franceen Haney of Midlothian. She is a 2007 graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian. She earned a bachelor's degree in 2012 from St. Xavier University in Chicago.

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I received this interesting item from Camp Marmal, Afghanistan, which states that Staff Sgt. Sheila D. Lucious, a native of Chicago, is unique among her peers because the average soldier driving convoy missions in Afghanistan is 20 something years old; Lucious is more than 50 years old. She is a onetime great-grandmother, a grandmother three times and her oldest grandson is in the Arkansas National Guard.

Lucious has been in the Army more than 13 years, was deployed twice and she can drive every vehicle in the 1230th inventory, which includes Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck, Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Vehicles, recover vehicles and more.

Lucious is looking forward to this deployment using her skills and experience to close camps, run convoys, and drive trucks. The soldiers of the 1230th Transportation Company, "Road Dawgs," are deployed in support of the 524th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. James M. Droppleman, Regional Command, North Afghanistan.

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Oak Lawn Village Trustee Terry Vorderer is spearheading the collection of old American Flags for the VFW. The VFW veterans cut the stars from the flags and send them to deployed U.S. Soldiers with this saying: "I am part of our American Flag. I have flown over a home in the U.S.A. I can no longer fly. The sun and winds have caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder that you are not forgotten." A collection box for your old flags is located at the Oak Lawn Village Hall, 9446 Raymond in Oak Lawn.

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The American Red Cross invites people to wish happy holidays to those who serve our country, veterans and their families through social media and traditional mail through Dec. 6th.

Using the hashtag #HolidayMail on their Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Vine accounts people can be creative and tag instant messages, e-cards, photos or videos to military members. The Red Cross will post the material on its social media sites throughout the holidays season. Card senders can connect with each other through [illegible] and [illegible].

People can also send traditional cards through the mail addressed to: Holiday Mail for Heroes, P.O. Box 5456, Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456. To ensure that cards are delivered in time for the holidays, they must be postmarked no later than Dec. 6th. People are asked to refrain from sending letters, monetary donations or any other inserts with the cards. Please also refrain from using glitter. More information and card requirements can be found at *redcross.org/holidaymail*.

Red Cross volunteers across the United States and on military installations overseas sort and deliver the cards throughout the holiday season. The Red Cross has received and distributed more than 6.8 million cards for members of the U.S. Armed Forces, veterans and their families since the program began in 2006.

The Red Cross relies on the support of American people to carry out its mission of service to the 2 million members of the U.S. Armed Forces, 24 million veterans and their families. During this holiday season, the public can also support all Red Cross services by making a financial donation at *redcross.org* or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS. Individuals can also give the gift of life by making an appointment to give blood at *redcrossblood.org* or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

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Quote of the Week

*If you want to know what a man is really like, take notice of how he acts when he loses money.* Simone Weil

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***Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless American and our Troops.***

# Brookfield Zoo's Reptile House Renovated

Brookfield Zoo's former Reptile House has received a major facelift to bring it into the 21st century. The Chicago Zoological Society (CZS), which manages the zoo, has restored and updated the existing building to save its historic architecture, despite this move being costlier than razing the structure. The new Mary Ann MacLean Conservation Leadership Center will be home to staff in the Society's Conservation, Education, and Training (CET) Department and the CZS volunteers. The building will serve as a place to educate students and zoo guests of all ages and backgrounds – from toddlers to high school and college students to researchers and educators – about conservation.

Each year, through programs administered by the CET Department, zoo educators serve thousands of students visiting the zoo and hundreds of families attending zoo classes. In addition, the CET program is involved internationally, as its staff provides professional training to a network of Latin American education and conservation institutions to expand the scientific capacity for conservation in the region. Staff at the new center will conduct programs that range from nature-based early childhood learning to issues affecting global change. The Mary Ann MacLean Conservation Leadership Center will also house the CZS volunteers and staff that collaborate with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and other science education networks nationally, as well as programs in Latin America and Africa.

The space itself will showcase the importance of conservation through visible finishes made of sustainable materials and the repurposing of a pre-existing building. Signs posted throughout the space will explain the greenness of the materials and processes used in the restoration.

Construction on the original Reptile House began in 1927 through the Great Depression-era Works' Progress Administration and was completed in 1934, when Brookfield Zoo opened. Much of the building's interior and exterior have remained intact since its original construction, but the design was outdated and lacked energy-saving technology. The architecture was maintained and has been updated to utilize modern technology and help the Society cut down on energy consumption.

Energy conservation and sustainability measures added to the building include new energy-efficient skylights that supply natural light, a mechanical system that incorporates an ice storage component to allow for the reduction of high energy costs to air condition the building, attic insulation and ventilation to reduce thermal gain, low-flow plumbing fixtures, energy-efficient lighting, insulated glazed window units at smaller punched openings, and overall improvements to the insulation. The exterior of the 11,000-square-foot facility will feature nature gardens of primarily native plants that showcase the importance of conservation. The natural prairie landscaping will also include a rain garden and outdoor teaching area to bring the conservation education outside. All systems used in the building were designed in accordance with applicable standards of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers and in compliance with minimum energy-efficiency requirements and are anticipated to help the building achieve LEED certification.

Up to 50 zoo staffers will be able to use the new compartmentalized space for their daily work, and up to 150 zoo guests can participate in educational experiences and learn about conservation programs inside the building. Animals that participate in conservation educational experiences – such as turtles, frogs, rabbits, snakes, and lizards – can be temporarily housed in the animal holding area. Programs in the new space will include student education programs, teacher training programs, and various other educational seminars and meetings.

The Mary Ann MacLean Conservation Leadership Center, which cost $5.5 million and created more than 200 construction-related jobs, is made possible thanks to the generosity of many donors. The Christopher Family Foundation, Sandy and Glen Dittus, Illinois Jobs Now Capital Construction Program, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Yvonne Johnson, Connie and Dennis Keller, Mary Ann and Barry MacLean, Northern Trust, and the Public Museum Capital Grants Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois State Museum. Thanks also go to the Society's Board of Trustees, Governing Members, and Women's Board and to the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

If you would like to have further information, please feel free to visit us at www.CZS.org.

## Letter To The Editor

To Whom it May Concern:

On June 11th 2012, my grandpa lost his battle with Alzheimer's, effectively becoming Alzheimer's free for the first time in 4 years. Unfortunately, this was the only hope he had of ridding this terrible disease, as there is still no cure for it out there. We lost a compassionate, caring and loving husband, brother, father, grandfather and great grandfather that day. With this heartbreaking loss, my family also gained something, determination. We became more determined than ever to find a cure for this disease so no other family would have to go through the heartache and overwhelming sense of hopelessness we had to endure for years.

I am now an Alzheimer's Association advocate, and today, I am writing to urge United State Senators Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk to support $100 million for Alzheimer's research, care and support in the Fiscal Year 14 budget. Requested by the Alzheimer's Association and the National Institutes on Health to begin implementation of the National Alzheimer's Project Act, these funds are critical to marshal the resources, expertise and innovation needed to change the course of the disease for the millions living with Alzheimer's today and the millions more who will face it in the future.

Members of a bipartisan Budget Conference are tasked with finding common ground between the Senate and House draft versions and forming a budget in the coming weeks. As members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, both Durbin and Kirk have input into the conference's breakdown of funds and consequently can play an integral role in securing appropriations for Alzheimer's disease in the final budget. Unless something is done, Alzheimer's will cost an estimated $1.2 trillion in 2050 and costs to Medicare and Medicaid will increase more than 500 percent. The conference must report all budgetary findings and recommendations by December 13, allowing Congress until January 15 to pass the legislation. We must pass this budget or our country will face the next round of sequester cuts, which will prove even more devastating to the health and human services community.

The costs for Alzheimer's care and services continue to rise, straining our overwhelmed health care system and threatening to bankrupt Medicare and Medicaid. I humbly urge our United States Senators Kirk and Durbin to prioritize Alzheimer's funding.

Sincerely
Samantha Rapp
Hometown, IL

# Oak Park Man Sentenced In Child Pornography Case

An Oak Park man facing felony child pornography charges has been sentenced to 180 days in jail and 30 months of intensive sex offender probation after pleading guilty to the charges, according to the Office of Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez.

Joe Hymon, 40, of Oak Park, pled guilty to Aggravated Child Pornography in a hearing before Judge Paula Daleo at the Maywood Courthouse on Wednesday, Nov. 5th.

According to prosecutors, Chicago Police were conducting an undercover online investigation when they discovered child pornography being shared from a computer located at Hymon's residence in Oak Park. Chicago Police turned the investigation over to the Oak Park Police Department who executed a search warrant at Hymon's residence, recovering several computers. Forensic analysis revealed numerous images and videos of children under the age of 13 engaged in various sex acts.

Hymon, who has a previous 1993 felony conviction for Aggravated Battery to a Child, will be required to register as a sex offender for life upon his release from jail.

State's Attorney Alvarez thanked Assistant State's Attorney Jason Poje and the Oak Park Police Department for their work on this case.

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# *Energy Assistance Is Available*

Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy is hosting an Energy & Information Fair Thursday, Nov. 14th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Biela Center in Crestwood. Located at 4848 Midlothian Turnpike. Applications for LIHEAP (low income home energy assistance program) will be processed at the Energy Fair.

Federal funds are available to families that qualify. One time payments are made directly to Nicor and ComEd to provide financial support to households. The winter season is just around the corner and along with the cold comes higher energy bills. The application is fast and easy.

When applying you must bring: proof of gross income for the last 30 days, Original Social Security cards for all household members, Current Nicor and ComEd utility bills.

INCOME GUIDELINES – for LIHEAP

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Meet local representatives from Ceda, Nicor, and ComEd to discuss other payment options to avoid disconnection. Useful information will be provided from area Social Service Organizations. Come find out what programs are available to help meet the needs of your family.

For more information on LIHEAP call CEDA at 1-800-571-2332 and for event information call Commissioner Murphy's Office at (708) 389-2125.

# The Leading Cause Of Disability

Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in Illinois and is the leading cause of disability.

"Although most people who have a stroke are older, anyone, including children can have a stroke," said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck. "While we cannot control some risk factors for preventing a stroke, like age, sex, ethnicity and family history, we can make healthy changes that can help lower the risk. Changes may include getting more exercise and eating a healthier diet."

A stroke occurs when a clot blocks the blood supply to the brain or a blood vessel bursts in the brain. Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death and is responsible for 16 percent of all cardiovascular disease deaths in Illinois. In 2009, there were slightly more than 5,000 deaths in adults age 35 and older in Illinois due to stroke. More men die of stroke than women, but more women have a stroke and more women suffer from a disability after a stroke than men. Black non-Hispanics have the highest stroke mortality rate and stroke occurs more in black and non-Hispanic races and ethnicities. The overall prevalence of stroke in Illinois adults is 3.1 percent, or slightly more than 300,000 adults.

The following actions can help reduce the likelihood of having a stroke:

know your personal risk factors for stroke, including high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, high blood cholesterol and a history of having a previous stroke, and control or manage those conditions by working with healthcare providers.

engage in physical activity regularly.

maintain a healthy diet high in fruits and vegetables.

limit alcohol consumption.

avoid cigarette smoke (if you smoke, seek help to stop now. 1-800 Quit Yes.)

Know the signs and symptoms of a stroke. Use the F.A.S.T. test to check for signs of stroke.

**FACE** – ask the person to smile. Does one side of their face droop?

**ARMS** – ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

**SPEECH** – ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?

**TIME** – if you notice any of these signs, call 9-1-1.

Other symptoms to look for include sudden leg numbness or weakness, sudden confusion or trouble understanding, sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes, sudden trouble walking or dizziness, and sudden severe headache with no know cause. If you observe someone with these symptoms call 9-1-1 immediately.

For more information about stroke, log onto: http://www.idph.state.il.us/heart-stroke/stroke_is.htm

# AgeOptions Seeks Input At Annual Forums

A series of community forums are scheduled throughout suburban Cook County in which older adults, advocates, family members and others are encouraged to share their ideas and help AgeOptions improve services for older adults.

The forums are also an opportunity for attendees to learn about services for older adults and those who care about them.

The forums are free and open to the public. They are scheduled as follows:

Lemont Township Community Center, 16300 Alba Street in Lemont, on Wednesday, Nov. 20th from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Calumet City Senior Center, 1420 Huntington Drive in Calumet City, on Thursday, Nov. 21st from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Pay YMCA, 2947 S. Oak Park Ave. in Berwyn, on Friday, Nov. 22nd from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The forums are presented by AgeOptions, the agency designated by the Illinois Department on Aging to plan, coordinate, advocate and fund services for people 60 and older in suburban Cook County.

For more information, to request accommodations, or to submit written comments, contact Meghan Jenkins Morales at *meghan.morales@ageoptions.org*

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# Important News For Seniors With Diabetes

(NAPSA) Recently, the approximately 10.9 million American seniors on Medicare who live with diabetes were alerted to new changes that could impact access to their blood glucose testing supplies.

Many people with diabetes use these supplies including blood glucose meters and testing strips to monitor their blood glucose (also known as "blood sugar"). Learning to use and maintain a blood glucose meter usually requires practice, and, over time, patients often become very comfortable with a particular meter. This is important because consistent blood glucose monitoring is critical to help people with diabetes track blood glucose levels, identify the best approach to control their diabetes, and avoid the potentially serious complications of the disease.

**Medicare Changes**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently instituted a new program that reduces Medicare reimbursement for certain diabetes testing supplies, including blood glucose test strips, for people with diabetes.

These changes could limit seniors' access to their preferred diabetes testing supplies—those they're comfortable using and that their doctors recommend. CMS may suggest that patients switch to unfamiliar products, causing confusion or frustration. Or worse, according to a survey by the American Association of Diabetes Educators, patients who can no longer access the products they're comfortable using may test their blood glucose levels less frequently or stop testing altogether. This could potentially result in poor blood glucose control.

**Finding Support**

A number of resources are available to help seniors with diabetes understand and manage the Medicare changes and make it easier for them to access their familiar supplies or, alternatively, find new products that are both appropriate for them and affordable. The American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org) provides comprehensive information and guidance regarding the changes. Many blood glucose testing suppliers provide free training and support services for seniors who either decide to switch products or want to continue using their familiar supplies.

To help seniors navigate through these changes, the global health care company Abbott has enhanced its FreeStyle Promise® diabetes support program to provide new resources and support services to Medicare patients. Seniors with diabetes, their doctors and caregivers can learn more about Abbott's FreeStyle Promise program at http://www.freestylecoveredbymedicare.com and 1-855-578-2660.

Medicare changes for blood glucose supplies need not cause seniors with diabetes to test their blood glucose less frequently or stop testing. Support services are available.

*(http://www.diabetes.org/advocate/our-priorities/health-care/medicaid-and-medicare/medicare.html; http://www.diabetesaustralia.com.au/Living-with-Diabetes/Type-1-Diabetes/Managing-Type-1-Diabetes/Blood-Glucose-Monitoring. Accessed July 26, 2013; http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/Partnerships/Downloads/DMEPOSRiskFactSheetNatMailOrderPilotApril2013131634.pdf; http://www.diabetoeducator.org/exportfiles/aade_resources/Advocacy/AADE_DME_SURVEY.pdf)*

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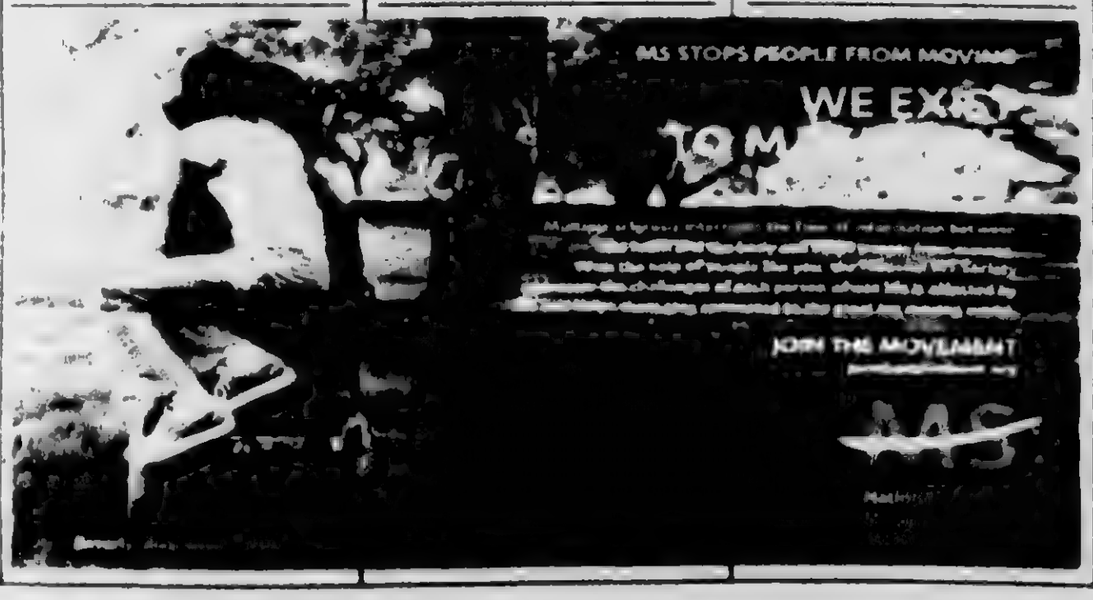

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# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Anna Bajo**

Services were held at the Chapel at St Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park, on Friday, for Anna Bajo, 95. She was the wife of the late Elmer Alex. She worked for many years with Brinks Security in Chicago. She moved to Wisconsin in 2007.

She is survived by her son Alexander Bajo, six grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

**Sue Cirrintano**

Services were held at the Lack and Sons Funeral Home, Hickory Hills, on Wednesday, with entombment at Good Shepherd Mausoleum, for Sue Cirrintano. She was the wife of the late Larry.

She is survived by her children John (Patricia), Rachel (Jimmy) Reed, Dan (Erica) and Len Cirrintano, nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and her brothers Richard (Mary Ann) and Pete (Patty) Schubert.

**Constance R. Kaufmann**

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for Constance R. Kaufmann. She was the wife of the late A. Frank.

She is survived by her children Anthony F. Jr. (Maureen), Karen M. (Rich) Kolovitz, Judy, Michael J. (Kimberly), Peter J., William P., and Frank X. (Cindy), nineteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and her siblings Elaine, Peter (Joann), Marie, Fran, Peggy, Mildred and Frank.

**Casimir J. Kubicki**

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with entombment at Resurrection Mausoleum, for Casimir J. "Casey" Kubicki, 92, of Oak Lawn. He was a WWII Veteran.

He is survived by his wife Josephine, his children Michael, Susan Willeford, John, Janet (Bill) Hunoway and Jim Kubicki, ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

**Kenneth J. Langland**

Services were held in Orland Park, on Wednesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Kenneth J. Langland, 63, of Oak Lawn. He was a retired employee of Affiliated Steam and Equipment. He was a Vietnam Veteran of the U.S. Army and a Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient.

He is survived by his brothers Melvin (Nancy) and James (Ruth) Langland and his sister Joanne Langland.

**Bart Murphy**

Mass was said at St. Patrick Church, Lemont, on Wednesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Bart Murphy. Retired CFD. He was a Leo High School Alum, 1945.

He is survived by his wife Maureen, his children Patrick, Cathy (Bill) O'Loughlin, Thomas (Claudia), Colleen (Bill) Bean, Denny, Eileen Freyer and Maureen (Mike) Erickson, seventeen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

**Carmen J. Petro**

Mass was said at St. Mary Church, Mokena, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Carmen J. Petro, 89, of Mokena. He was a WWII Marine Veteran, a member of the American Legion Gold Star Post 1102, a member of the Knights of Columbus and a former member of the Elks. He was retired from Sheet Metal Workers Local #73 and a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Mokena.

He is survived by his wife Anna, his children Concetta "Connie" (Rick) Starczewski and Mary (Michael) Kimmey, two grandchildren and his sisters Mary (Sam) Vinci, Josephine Petro, Rose (Bob) Hardek and and his brother Louis Petro.

**Henry S. Przybylski**

Mass was said at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, on Friday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Henry S. Przybylski. He was a U.S. Army Veteran. He was a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife Jean, his children Kenneth (Linda), Ronald (Paulette), Joseph (Theresa) and Eileen (Thomas) Morack, nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and his sister Helen Zoarski.

**Thomas Edward Ryan**

Mass was said at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Orland Park, on Saturday, with a private interment for Thomas Edward Ryan. He was a Marine Corps Veteran. He was a former Chicago Police Officer and a State Farm Agent for over 40 years in Tinley Park. He was also an avid private pilot.

He is survived by his wife Theresa "T.C." Ryan, his children Colleen (Chris) Ottens, Maureen (Dave) Swanson and Tommy (Christine), three grandchildren and his brother Jack.

**Edward F. Smitchger**

Services and cremation were held in Michigan, on Thursday, Nov. 7th, for Edward "Eddie" F. Smitchger, 85, of New Buffalo, Michigan who passed away on Nov. 2nd. He was the son of the late Edward and Mary Smitchger of Steger, IL. He attended Morgan Park High School and was a Navy Veteran serving in WWII aboard the USS AJAX. Mr. Smitchger was an athlete, playing semi-pro football in the Chicago Park District League and racing cars in the AAA and USAC Midwest racing circuits. He was an experienced private pilot, a wrestler, boxer, hunter, fisherman and expert marksman and recently, he bowled or golfed weekly. He owned and ran a photography studio in Midlothian; was a railroad engineer with the C&O and South Shore Railway, and worked in law enforcement with the Interstate Bureau of Investigation, Chicago, and the Berrien County Sherriff's Department. He was recently employed at the Four Winds Casino Resort as a shuttle bus driver. He was also a member of VFW Post 2580 in Midlothian and the American Legion Post 169 in New Buffalo. He married his high school sweetheart, Mary Wagner on August 12, 1948 in Midlothian. She preceded him in death.

He is survived by his son James (Joanne) Smitchger, daughters Pam (Gary) Franco and Diane Smitchger, four grandchildren, and his sisters Jeannett Varallo and Thelma Herrold.

Remembrances can be made to St. Mary's of the Lake School, New Buffalo, MI or VFW Post 2580, Midlothian, IL.


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## *Students Honor Veterans At Village Ceremony*

**On Nov. 11th, the Village of Oak Lawn partnered with District 123 to observe Veterans Day together at the Veterans Memorial on the Village Green. The OLHMS Chorus (pictured) paid tribute through their songs as officials spoke to them about the importance of understanding what Veterans have done for us in the past and what they mean to our future.**

**After the Village Green observance, the audience moved across the street to the Johnson-Phelps VFW hall where the OLHMS Concert Band was waiting to perform. Students had the opportunity to tell stories about those men and women in their lives that have served our country through the years. The band concluded the ceremony with their rendition of The Gettysburg Address**

## Announce Construction Of New Transit Center

Each year, thousands of people use Pace service to attend sporting events and concerts at Toyota Park in Bridgeview and reduce traffic congestion and air pollution around the stadium. Late next year, passengers will have a safer, more comfortable environment in which to wait for the bus when the Pace Toyota Park Transit Center is expected to open.

The facility was developed and funded through a partnership involving Pace, the Village of Bridgeview, RTA and the Federal Transit Administration, with key support from Congressman Daniel Lipinski along with Bridgeview Mayor and Illinois State Senator Steven Landek. The $2.475 million facility is funded via $2 million in Illinois Department of Transportation and RTA grant funds, and a $475,000 federal appropriation obtained by Congressman Lipinski. Features include an indoor waiting area along with a canopied [illegible] area. Solar powered LED [illegible] federal funding and [illegible] Bridgeview and Pace to keep [illegible] this state-of-the-art facility possible," said Lipinski, founder and co-chair of the Congressional Public Transportation Caucus in Congress.

The new transit center at Toyota Park will make mass transit more convenient and over time, encourage job growth, cut down on traffic congestion and improve the quality of life for area residents. I'm proud to have played a critical role in making this project happen.

"This project benefits Toyota Park, Bridgeview and the region, and is an excellent example of how we can help residents and spur development through cooperation among multiple units of government," said Bridgeview Mayor and State Senator Steven Landek. The surrounding area is targeted by the village for development to include entertainment and lodging, and the transit center is positioned to provide convenient access to transit service for visitors and employees traveling along the corridor. "This is an exciting opportunity for us to work together with local and regional partners to demonstrate how investing in transit can support the success of this type of development project," said Pace Chairman of the Board Richard Kwasneski. Pace plans to include Harlem Avenue in the development of its Arterial Rapid Transit (ART) express bus network and the transit center would be a hub for passengers to connect between local bus routes and the ART.

Phase I construction is underway at Toyota Park, which includes electrical and concrete work. The next phase will include final construction of the building and canopy with completion estimated by the end of 2014.

# Police To Be Out In Force This Holiday

Police and safety officials in Oak Lawn are reminding residents to fasten their seat belts over the Thanksgiving holiday period or run the risk of receiving a ticket.

"Whether you're going across town or across the state this Thanksgiving, please make sure you and everyone riding with you are wearing their seatbelts," said Sgt. Brewer. "You may be enjoying the holiday, but rest assured that police will still be out in force, as part of this year's Click It or Ticket campaign making sure motorist road trips are as safe as possible."

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is proud that Illinois has a 93.6 percent daytime safety belt usage rate. However, far too many drivers and passengers still do not buckle up. In Illinois, during the Thanksgiving holiday period in 2011, eight vehicle occupants died in motor vehicle traffic crashes - four of those deaths involved a drinking driver and over 800 individuals were injured.

"Fastening a seat belt takes only a second or two, and costs you nothing. Not wearing a seatbelt, especially during this Thanksgiving period, will definitely cost you a ticket at the very least, or even worse, your life," said Sgt. Brewer.

Seatbelt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Research has shown that when lap and shoulder belts are used properly, the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants is reduced by 45 percent, and the risk of moderate to serious injury is reduced by 50 percent.

"We want all drivers and passengers to *Click It or Ticket* day ***and*** night," and remember Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," said Sgt. Brewer.

For more information about the Click It or Ticket and the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaigns, visit www.buckleupillinois.org.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 26 - Tuesday - OL Village Board Meeting - Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
NOVEMBER 26 - Tuesday - Village Hall open to 8 p.m.
NOVEMBER 27 - Wednesday - Green Team Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, [illegible] p.m.
DECEMBER 2 - Monday - Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
DECEMBER 2 - Monday - Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
DECEMBER 3 - Tuesday - Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 8:30 p.m.
DECEMBER 4 - Wednesday - Appeals Board, 9446 S. Raymond, [illegible] p.m.
DECEMBER 5 - Thursday - Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
DECEMBER 5 - Thursday - Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center Auditorium, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.
DECEMBER 6 - Friday - Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 12:30 p.m.
DECEMBER 7 - Saturday - District II Trustee Is In, Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon
DECEMBER 9 - Monday - Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.
DECEMBER 10 - Tuesday - OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.
DECEMBER 10 - Tuesday - Village Hall open to 8 p.m.
DECEMBER 10 - Tuesday - VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.
DECEMBER 11 - Wednesday - Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.
DECEMBER 12 - Thursday - Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.
DECEMBER 12 - Thursday - Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

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## *National VFW Auxiliary President Visits Illinois*

**Armithea "Sissy" Borel (pictured), National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, made her official visit to Illinois on Nov. 15th, 16th and 17th.**

**State VFW Auxiliary President of the Department of Illinois Mercie Woolfolk, the line officers and National President's Visit Committee had a full schedule of activities planned for President Borel to meet auxiliary members from throughout the state of Illinois.**

**Activities during her visit included a visit to Jefferson Barracks Medical Center, Division of St. Louis VA Medical Center in St. Louis, Missouri, and Fisher House. President Borel and the Illinois officers and auxiliary members were greeted at Jefferson Barracks by the State of Illinois VFW Auxiliary VAWS Representative Marlene Jones of Dupo, IL and deputy VAWS Representative Etta Mae Toney, of East St. Louis, IL. President Borel also placed a wreath at the Jefferson Barracks Cemetery.**

**On Saturday, Nov. 16th the National President attended the Council of Administration meeting, conducted by State President Woolfolk, at the Holiday Inn in Effingham, IL.**

**Later that evening a dinner was held at the Effingham VFW Post 1769 honoring President Borel where she had an opportunity to meet auxiliary members from Illinois and comrades of the VFW from throughout the state.**

**Attending from the 16th District VFW Auxiliary were Ruth Smit, State Treasurer Dept. of Illinois and member of Alsip VFW Auxiliary 450; Patricia McClure, State Historian and member of VFW Auxiliary 311 in Richton Park; Donna Simon, State Americanism Chairman and member of Markham VFW Auxiliary 9801; Paulette Coffel, 16th District President, of the Markham Auxiliary 9801; Sharon Thomas, 16th District Sr. Vice President, of the Alsip VFW Auxiliary 450; and Past 16th District Presidents, Sharon Doeden of Midlothian VFW Auxiliary 2580 and Jan Cepek, of VFW Auxiliary 2791 in Tinley Park.**

# Encourage Drivers To Slow Down, Buckle Up, Put Away Cell Phones

Illinois transportation and law enforcement officials on Nov. 12th joined forces to launch the "Ice and Snow Take it Slow" winter campaign. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Illinois Tollway and the Illinois State Police (ISP) are partnering to roll out the state's frontline winter road crews and ensure that snow plows and other emergency equipment are ready for the upcoming snow and ice season.

The traffic safety advocates also took the opportunity to remind motorists of two safety laws Governor Pat Quinn signed into law earlier this year. Both aimed at reducing the number of distracted driving crashes are set to take effect January 1, 2014. One law prohibits the use of all hand-held mobile phones while driving anywhere in Illinois, and the second increases penalties when any use of an electronic device while driving is the cause of an accident.

During the 2013-14 winter season, 1,860 trucks statewide will be available for deployment by IDOT crews to keep about 16,000 miles of state routes clear and passable. Last year, IDOT spent $64.7 million on snow removal and spread 460,000 tons of salt statewide. For many years, ISP, Tollway and IDOT have worked together to urge motorists to drive defensively and safely in winter weather.

"Every year, motorists face weather conditions that can have a devastating impact on driving conditions and passenger safety. Whether it's a semi-truck or a motor vehicle, motorists should drive with extra caution to ensure that accidents are avoided and roads are safe," said Illinois State Police Director Hiram Grau. "Reducing your speed, allowing for extra travel time, increasing distances between vehicles, and avoiding unnecessary lane changes are just a few simple precautions drivers can take to make commutes safer."

The Illinois Tollway has readied 182 plow trucks and other equipment to combat snow and ice storms this winter across the 286-mile Tollway system in Northern Illinois. In addition, the Tollway has about 82,000 tons of salt on hand along with other supplies, including liquid calcium chloride and roadway abrasives to keep roadways clear for its 1.4 million daily drivers.

Other safety tips to remember:

- Don't crowd the plow – a snow plow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they may not see you.
- Allow extra time for travel during the winter months.
- Watch out for black ice on roads that appear clear but can be treacherous. Take it slow when approaching intersections, off ramps, bridges and shady areas – all are prone to black ice, which is often invisible.
- Always keep your gas tank at least two-thirds full to help prevent the vehicle's fuel line from freezing.
- Do not travel during bad weather unless absolutely necessary – if you do have to make a trip, check the forecast and make sure someone is aware of your travel route.
- Always carry an emergency car care kit that contains jumper cables, flares or reflectors, windshield washer fluid, a small ice scraper, traction material, blankets, non-perishable food and a first aid kit.
- Carry a cell phone and dial *999 for roadway assistance.
- Always wear a safety belt.
- Motorists are urged to check travel conditions before any trip. You can get road condition information by calling 1-800-452-IDOT (4368), Illinois Tollway information by calling 1-800-TOLL-FYI or online at www.gettingaroundillinois.com and click on the "winter road conditions" icon.

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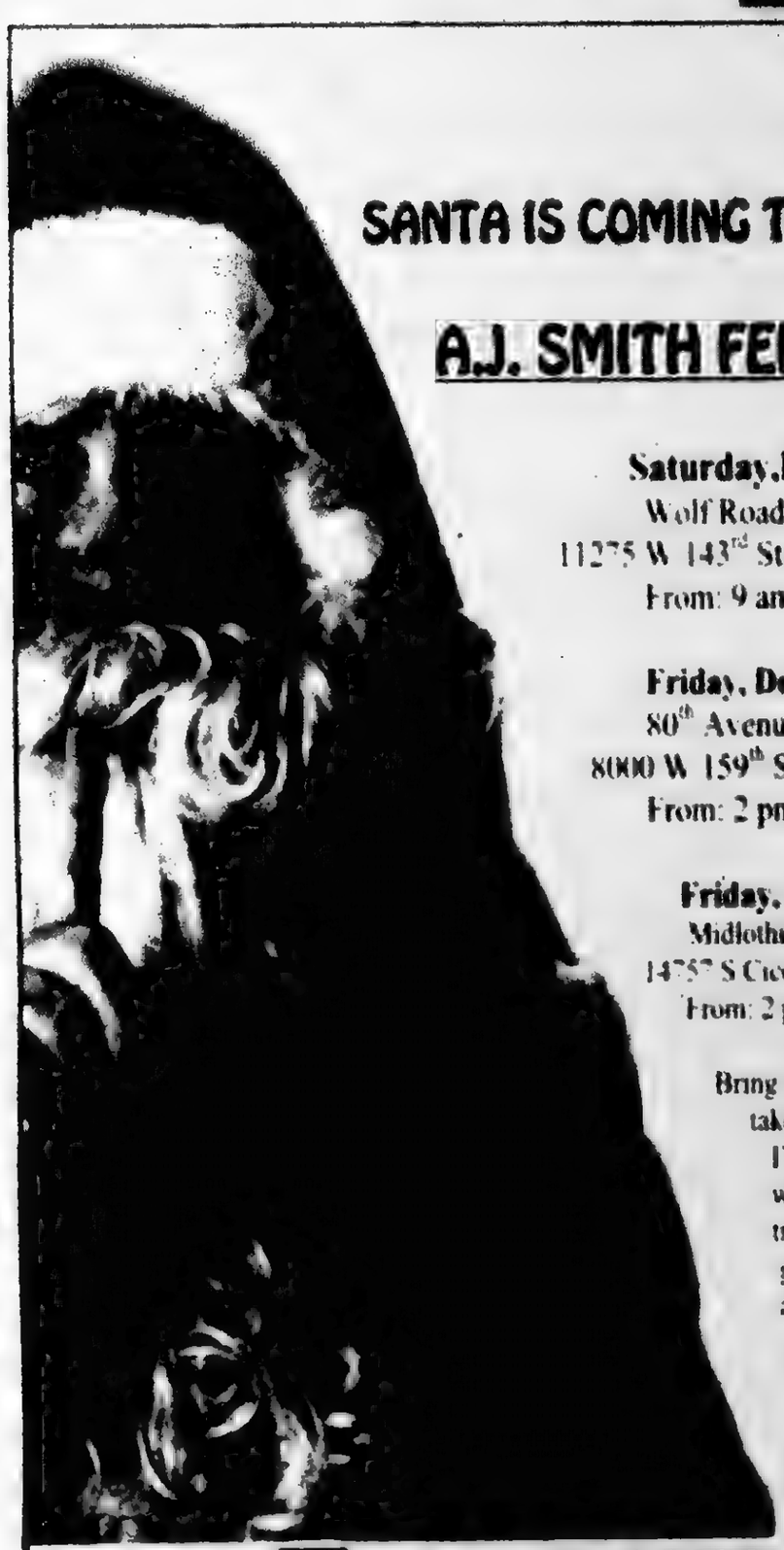

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# Latest American Community Survey

The U.S. Census Bureau released the [illegible] American Community Survey [illegible] percent from 2010-2012 and are available for areas with a population of 20,000 or more. The statistics show the median home value for Illinois was $[illegible] during the post-recession period of 2010-2012, a decrease from $[illegible] during the recession period of 2007-2009.

According to the survey, the post-recession median homeownership rate in Illinois was [illegible] percent, a decrease from [illegible] percent during the recession.

The findings about home values are based on survey responses, not reported sales, and provide a snapshot of the housing market from recent years. Current data from the Illinois Association of Realtors have indicated the market is rebounding, with median prices statewide experiencing gains since 2012.

Nevertheless, the American Community Survey provides a wide range of important statistics about all communities in the country. The Survey gives communities the current information they need to plan investments and services. Retailers, homebuilders, police departments and town and city planners are among the many private and public sector decision makers who count on these annual results. Ever since Thomas Jefferson directed the first census in 1790, the census has collected detailed characteristics about our nation's people.

Other selected highlights for Illinois:

**Housing Units**

In Illinois, 58.5 percent of housing units post-recession were single-family detached homes, an increase from 58.1 percent in 2007-2009.

Additionally, 2.6 percent of Illinois housing units were mobile homes, a decrease from 2.8 percent in the 2007-2009 statistics.

**Mortgage Status**

About 68.4 percent of owner-occupied homes had a mortgage in 2010-2012, a decrease from 69.9 percent in 2007-2009.

**Rent**

In 2010-2012, the median gross rent was $873, which was not statistically different from $873 in 2007-2009.

In Illinois, 43.2 percent of renters spent 35 percent or more of their household incomes on gross rent, an increase from 41.4 percent during the recession period.

**Monthly Owner Costs**

According to 2010-2012 statistics, the median selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage was $1,681, a decrease from $1,791 in 2007-2009. Some examples of owner costs include mortgages, real estate taxes, various insurances, utilities, fuels, mobile home costs and condominium fees.

Meanwhile, the post-recession median selected monthly owner costs for housing units without a mortgage was $555, which was not statistically different from $557 in 2007-2009.

In 2010-2012, 29.0 percent of homeowners (with a mortgage) spent 35 percent or more of their household incomes on selected monthly owner costs (a standard indicator of unaffordable housing), which was not statistically different from 29.4 percent in 2007-2009.

The Census Bureau has also released a brief titled Home Value and Homeownership Rates: Recession and Post-Recession Comparisons From 2007-2009 to 2010-2012. This brief uses the 2010-2012 American Community Survey statistics to focus on small areas' homeownership rates and median housing values.

In addition to these housing statistics, more than 40 topics about Illinois are available with today's release through the American Community Survey. The topics include educational attainment, employment, commuting, language spoken at home, nativity and ancestry. For the first time, comparison profiles are available for the three-year statistics, allowing smaller communities to see how their social, economic and housing characteristics have changed over time.

The 2010-2012 American Community Survey statistics are available for the nation, all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, every congressional district, every metro area, and all counties and places with populations of 20,000 or more. Statistics for areas with smaller populations will be available on Dec. 17.

For more information, contact Dave Roesler at (312) 814-6015 or the U.S. Census Bureau Regional Office in Chicago at (630) 288-9288 or 1-800-865-6384.

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## Fr. Don Doll To Speak At SXU's 2013 Winter Commencement

Saint Xavier University announced that highly regarded documentary photographer Fr. Don Doll, S.J., (pictured) will receive an honorary doctorate and deliver the commencement address at the University's 2013 Winter Commencement on Saturday, Dec. 14th. The ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Shannon Center at SXU's Chicago campus, 3700 W. 103rd St.

Fr. Doll is a Jesuit priest whose work has been featured in National Geographic and a number of the "Day in the Life of..." book series created by Rick Smolan. A two-year project titled "The Jesuits" has taken him around the world. One of his stories from this project, "Finding Ernesto," aired on ABC's Nightline with Ted Koppel in 1999. Doll has photographed for the Jesuit Refugee Service in Uganda, Southern Sudan, Burundi, Rwanda, the Congo, Chad, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East since 2005. His work can be seen online.

Doll was introduced to photography when he was assigned to the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota as a young Jesuit, where he also met the Lakota people. He has authored two books about Native Americans, titled "Crying for a Vision" and "Vision Quest: Men, Women and Sacred Sites of the Sioux Nation." A 224-page coffee table book with 188 photographs from Doll's fifty-year career titled "A Call to Vision: A Jesuit's Perspective on the World" also was published in 2012.

Fr. Doll received the prestigious Kodak Crystal Eagle Award for Impact in Photojournalism for his many years of work with Native Americans in 1997 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. He also received Nebraska's "Artist of the Year" award in 2006 at the Governor's Awards luncheon sponsored by the Nebraska Arts Council. He also received special recognition in the Nikon "World Understanding through Photography" Award in 1976, the Robin F. Garland Award in 1988, and first place for "Magazine Feature" in the 1988 Pictures of the Year.

Doll has lived and worked at Creighton University, in Omaha, Neb. since 1969, where he is a professor of journalism holding the Charles and Mary Heider Endowed Jesuit Chair.

The SXU Gallery will host an exhibit with Fr. Doll's photography titled "Finding and Serving God in All" from Dec. 2 to 14, 2013 and Jan. 13 to 17, 2014. The exhibit will include photos from Fr. Doll's time with the Jesuit Refugee Service. There also will be a reception that will include a presentation by Doll from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 12 in the SXU Gallery, which is located in the Warde Academic Center at SXU's Chicago campus. For more information about the art show, please contact (773) 298-3081.

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## *Be Wary Of Scams Tied To Relief Efforts In Philippines*

Attorney General Lisa Madigan urged Illinois residents who plan to donate to typhoon relief efforts underway in the Philippines to be on the lookout for fundraising scams by con artists seeking to exploit the natural disaster for their personal profit.

"In the wake of such massive destruction, people understandably want to do what they can to help others in need," Madigan said. "Unfortunately, scam artists try to take advantage of this goodwill. I urge Illinois residents who want to make charitable contributions to research organizations before making a donation to ensure it will directly benefit the victims in the Philippines."

The Attorney General's office advised that donors who are seeking to give to relief efforts should be wary of requests for clothing, food or other questionable in-kind donations. Unless the charitable organization has the staff and infrastructure to distribute such aid, the donations may be more of a burden than a help. Ask the charity about their transportation and distribution plans. Be wary of those who are not experienced in disaster relief assistance.

In addition, potential donors should find out if the charity is providing direct aid or raising monies for other groups. Donors may want to avoid the intermediary and give directly to charities that have a presence in the region. The Attorney General advised that donors may want to ask questions to determine the ultimate recipients of the donations to ensure that the organizations are equipped to effectively provide aid.

Under Illinois law, fundraisers and charitable organizations are required to register each year with the Attorney General's office. To assist potential donors in making wise giving decisions, the Attorney General's office provides important financial information about charitable organizations such as income, expenditures, and programs.

To best ensure that your donation will be used for its intended purpose, Attorney General Madigan suggested the following tips:

Ask how much of your donation will go to the charity and how much will be used to pay fundraising costs. Solicitors must give you this information if you ask.

Pay close attention to the name of the charity. Some fraudulent charities use names that sound or look like those of legitimate organizations to mislead you.

Ask detailed questions about the charity. Donate only when your questions have been answered and you are certain your money will be used according to your wishes. Ask questions like whether the charity is registered with the Illinois Attorney General's office and what percentage of the money the charity takes in goes to fundraising, administration and charitable programming.

Do not pay in cash. For security and tax record purposes, pay by check. Be sure to write the full official name of the charity on your check – do not abbreviate.

Request written information. A legitimate charity will provide you with information outlining its mission, how your donation will be distributed, and proof that your contribution is tax deductible.

Do not donate if the solicitor uses high-pressure tactics, asks for cash payment or insists on sending someone to pick up your donation. These are all hallmarks of a scam.

Madigan encouraged donors to report suspicious solicitations to her office's Charitable Trust Bureau by calling (312) 814-2595. Madigan recommended that, whenever possible, keep notes detailing the date and time of the call, the organization's name, and the name of the solicitor. She also suggested trying to remember the "pitch" as well as any other pertinent information.

## *Unclaimed Property Holiday Auction*

A diamond elephant pin, a Liberty Head gold piece, and a lot of vintage baseball cards are just some of the items that Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford is offering in the next Illinois Treasurer's Online Unclaimed Property Auction. It started at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 18th and will begin closing at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 22nd.

If you are interested in seeing the items up for bid, go to the treasurer's office's website at www.treasurer.il.gov and click on the auction preview button.

"We are auctioning off 28,68" pieces of unclaimed property in the Illinois Treasurer's Online Unclaimed Property Auction because the rightful owners have not come forward to claim the items in more than five years," said Rutherford. "The holiday themed auction has items ranging from coins to fine jewelry. There is something for everyone, and it is a great way to find a special item for holiday gift giving."

All items for sale in this auction have been appraised by an outside vendor. The sale price of each lot must reach at least 75 percent of the appraised value.

Buyers are responsible for purchasing their auction winnings with either Visa or MasterCard (other arrangements will be available for purchases over $10,000).

In addition, a 2 percent administrative fee will be assessed. Buyers are also required to pay for shipping through the preferred list of shippers.

Rutherford has chosen to conduct this unclaimed property auction online because it's more cost effective than having a live, in-person auction. "Using this process cuts auction costs significantly," said Rutherford. "Under the previously-used eBay auction system, it cost the treasurer's office approximately $29,000 to sell a similarly appraised amount of unclaimed property. Under Rutherford's online system, the cost of an auction totals between $900 and $2,200 because the treasurer's office uses the iBid program to sell items with a total appraised value exceeding $100,000 per auction.

"The savings from using iBid versus eBay is about $27,000 per auction, which I'm holding three times each year," said Rutherford. In addition, Rutherford says using this online auction requires less time and attention from salaried employees, plus no physical space, hardware or security expenses.

If you would like to participate in the upcoming 2013 Illinois Treasurer's Online Unclaimed Property Auction, visit www.treasurer.il.gov and follow the link to the auction. One must register to become an active bidder. For questions about registration, contact (217) 785-6998. iBid (http://ibid.illinois.gov), the state's online surplus property auction system, was created in 2003 by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services' State Surplus Property Division. Property and equipment no longer needed by state of Illinois and registered local governments is placed on iBid for sale to the highest bidder.

To learn more about iBid and buying state and federal surplus property, visit http://ams.illinois.gov.

## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

U.S. Representative Dan Lipinski (D-3) was a cosponsor of the "If You Like Your Health Plan, You Can Keep It Act" (H.R. 3400) voted last week in the House against a bill, H.R. 3350, offered by Rep. Fred Upton (MI-6) that does not adequately address Obamacare's forced cancellation of health insurance plans.

"Too many Americans are receiving notices that their health care plan has been cancelled because of Obamacare, despite assurances from the President that you can 'keep your plan if you like it.' This promise should not have been broken. Americans who have had their plans cancelled deserve a fix and Congress should provide that fix. As much as I want to vote for legislation that will do this, H.R. 3350 does not adequately fix the issue. Instead of allowing insurance companies to continue offering individuals the plan they currently have for as long as they like, it simply delays the cancellation of these policies for a year. Americans were not promised 'if you like your plan you can keep it for a year.' That is why I am a cosponsor of H.R. 3400, the 'If You Like Your Health Plan, You Can Keep It Act.' In addition, H.R. 3350 undermines the individual health insurance market because it does not only refer to individuals who currently have a plan and want to keep it.

"Since the passage of the law, I have sponsored, co-sponsored, or voted for more than 20 pieces of legislation to try to make Obamacare operate fairly and effectively in both the short and the long term. I want to be able to vote for legislation that allows Americans to keep their health care plan if they like, but upon reading this bill it is clear that it does not do that. A vote for H.R. 3350 is not a vote for an idea, it is a vote for a policy, and the policy in this bill is not what was advertised."

To further protect Americans from Obamacare's mismanaged rollout, Rep. Lipinski introduced the Health Care Access Fairness and Penalty Delay Act (H.R. 3425). This commonsense legislation would require the Health and Human Services (HHS) Inspector General to certify when the healthcare.gov website is fully operational. Once the Inspector General certifies that the website is operational, individuals would have at least 90 days to enroll in a health care plan, and the individual mandate's penalties would not commence until 30 days later.

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The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, shared with All Points that she sent congratulations to President Tom Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners on the passing of the 2014 budget. Clerk Brown related that she looks forward to working with the President and all of the stakeholders on the anticipated focus on public safety as well as improvements to the criminal justice system in Cook County.

Although requested funds were not allocated in the new budget to help eliminate the need to use carbon paper in the replication of court forms, Clerk Brown remains eager to work with the County Board to have all court forms carbonized in the coming year. Additionally, in lieu of a resolution of support regarding how the county is losing millions of dollars due to Administrative Hearings and the fact that the City of Chicago owes the County and the court $11.2 million in court costs resulting from these hearings, Clerk Brown says she will continue to encourage the County Board to consider ways to stop the floodgate of lost revenue to the courts.

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The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Commissioner Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, chairman of the Committee on Finance, informed All Points that a Study Session will be held on Monday, Nov. 25th at 10 a.m. in the Board Room to discuss OPEB Trust Investments Balance & Policy Review. The MWRD of Greater Chicago is located at 100 E. Erie St. in Chicago.

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Saint Xavier University's Board of Trustees have announced that they have elected Vernon O. Crawley, Ph.D., president emeritus of Moraine Valley Community College, to a three-year term.

Crawley served as president of Moraine Valley Community College for 21 years, retiring in 2012. Prior to his tenure at Moraine Valley, he served as president of Saint Louis Community College in Forest Park for 13 years.

In 2012, Crawley and President Wiseman signed a 2+2 articulation agreement that allowed students to seamlessly enter SXU's four-year programs after completing their associate's degrees at Moraine Valley. SXU also in 2012 established the Vernon O. Crawley Scholarship, which provides annual awards to eight full-time Moraine valley students of merit who have chosen to continue their studies at SXU.

During his tenure as Moraine Valley's president, Crawley served as a board member on several national organizations, including: the League for Innovation; Community Colleges for International Development; American Council on Education; Council on Higher Education Accreditation; Walt Disney World College Advisory Committee; American Association of Community Colleges; Presidents Roundtable of the National Council on Black American Affairs; the American Council on Education's Commission on Minorities in Higher Education; and the National Advisory Group, "Expanding Leadership Opportunities for minorities in Community Colleges."

Crawley holds a doctorate from Pennsylvania State University, a master's degree from the University of Virginia, and a bachelor's degree from Virginia State University. His academic work is in chemistry and mathematics.

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Efforts to increase minority contractor participation in state projects received a huge boost this week when the Illinois Senate approved the financing for a new loan program crucial to the diversity push.

State Senator Mattie Hunter, (D-4 Chgo.) was the driving force behind the program to which the Illinois Senate gave final approval.

The $9 million loan program was approved during last week's fall session at the Capitol. The financing plan now awaits the Governor's signature.

The loans would be available to minority and female owned businesses seeking to participate in state contracts but otherwise unable to obtain a large enough line of credit to qualify for state work. The Illinois Department of Transportation cited this credit shortfall as among the reasons it was unable to meet goals for increasing minority business participation in department projects.

Senator Hunter won approval of the loan program during the spring legislative session. Her follow up legislation ensured the money was there to make it work.

"New programs are only as effective as the funding we secure to back them up. I fought for minority businesses to have a fair opportunity, and I'm committed to making this program a reality," said Hunter.

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Marist High School will hold its seventh annual Christmas celebration: A Very Marist Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 7th from 6 to 11 p.m. at Chateau Busche (11535 S. Cicero Ave., Alsip).

This popular event has undergone a few changes this year, including a new venue and several exciting activities. Tickets are $50 in advance and $60 at the door. Admission includes a buffet dinner, entertainment, wine and beer. A cash bar for mixed drinks will be available. This event is for adults 21 and over only.

There will be live entertainment throughout the evening, an interactive DJ, themed rooms, raffles, split the pot. To purchase tickets, visit http://www.marystnyder.com/marist-christmas or call (773) 881-5300.

# Governor Quinn Announces $2.1 Million For Construction Projects

Governor Pat Quinn recently announced a capital investment of more than $2.1 million for construction projects in Cook County. The projects are part of an overall Quinn's special legislative [illegible] to create jobs and [illegible] economy.

These construction projects will improve transportation safety and efficiency in Cook County and also employ a number of construction workers who will help the local economy, Governor Quinn said.

The projects will be managed by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

**Chicago**

A permanent protective shielding will be installed on the underside of two bridges on I-55 over I-294 Stevenson Drive for $191,270 by D Construction, Inc. of Coal City, the lowest of eight bidders.

**Olympia Fields**

Work on 203rd Street from Governor's Highway to Olympian Way will be completed with new sidewalks, lighting, signs and other items for $[illegible] by Hoerr Concrete & Construction Co., Inc. of Homewood, the lowest of 10 bidders.

**Schaumburg**

Culverts will be replaced at the Cambridge Drive South and Syracuse Lane intersections and at Cambridge Drive North, including new storm sewers, [illegible] and pavement. Berger Excavating Contractors, Inc. of Wauconda was the lowest of 10 bidders at $[illegible].

**Tinley Park**

104th Avenue from 159th Street to the south village limits will be resurfaced and new sidewalks constructed for $[illegible] by Gallagher Asphalt Corporation of Harvey, the lowest of five bidders.

These projects are part of a [illegible] billion Jobs Now program that will support more than [illegible] jobs. Jobs Now is the largest capital construction program in Illinois history, and is one of the largest capital construction programs in the nation.

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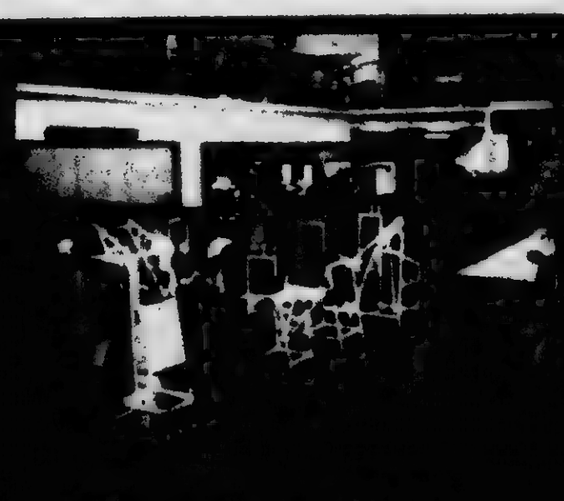

# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## There's Holiday Music In The Air

There will be abundance of La-la-las for FREE this holiday season as Caroling at Cloud Gate returns on Friday Nov. 29th in Millennium Park, followed by the daily noontime concerts at City Hall, 121 N. LaSalle St., beginning Dec. 2nd.

Caroling at Cloud Gate began in 2006 and is now a holiday tradition as every Friday between Thanksgiving and Christmas features a different choral group performing holiday songs at 6 p.m. while revelers join in the fun and the singing.

This week's performers are:

**Friday, Nov. 29th** – The Apollo Chorus of Chicago is one of the oldest music ensembles in the United States and includes men and women of all ages, races, creeds and occupations.

**Friday, Dec. 6th** – The Chicago Children's Choir is a multi-cultural, multi-racial choral music education organization that provides a unique musical experience for young people, enriching their lives.

**Friday, Dec. 13th** – The Walker Park Choral Singers was formed in 2005 to fill a need for serious choral organizations on the near west side. Chicago community where there was a surplus of talented singers searching for a musical outlet. The first concert featured 23 singers, the choir now boasts a roster of 40 voices, performing a wide variety of musical selections.

**Friday, Dec. 20th** – The Windy City Gay Chorus and Arta is the flagship of the Windy City Performing Arts, a not-for-profit incorporated in 1985 which has performed with Chicago's Steppenwolf and Redmoon Theatre companies and participated in the opening of the new modern wing of the Art Institute.

**City Hall Choirs** – Choirs and school choirs from various neighborhoods around the city have entertained the lunchtime crowds for nearly two decades with weekday noon concerts singing holiday favorites in the lobby of City Hall.

Concerts are held daily at noon Dec. 2nd through 20th.

**Monday, Dec. 2nd** – McDade Classical School Choir. **Tuesday, Dec. 3rd** – University of Chicago Lab School Bel Canto & 7th Grade Choir. **Wednesday, Dec. 4th** – St. Jerome School Choir. **Thursday, Dec. 5th** – St. Rene School Choir. **Friday, Dec. 6th** – The Hubbard H.S. Advanced Honors Choir. **Monday, Dec. 9th** – Queen of Angels Choristers. **Tuesday, Dec. 10th** – Robert Healy Chorus & Ensemble. **Wednesday, Dec. 11th** – St. Richard School Choir. **Thursday, Dec. 12th** – Edgar Allan Poe Classical School Choir. **Friday, Dec. 13th** – Skinner West Primary Chorus. **Monday, Dec. 16th** – Holy Cross BHM Choir & Marimba Ensemble. **Tuesday, Dec. 17th** – Musicality Ensemble from Curie High School. **Wednesday, Dec. 18th** – Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School Bands & Chorus. **Thursday, Dec. 19th** – Providence St. Mel School Choir. **Friday, Dec. 20th** – Mosemondu Heart Singers.

## "Christmas Is For Kids" Toy Drive

The 14th Annual Kevin Dowling "Christmas is for Kids" Toy Drive will be held on Saturday Dec. 7th from 1 to 8p.m. at 115 Bourbon St. in Merrionette Park. This is a no-cost event. All you are asked to do is bring new toys! (Monetary donations are accepted in lieu of toys.)

Food, drink, entertainment, crafts and Santa Claus will be there bringing a gift for all kids in attendance!

Toys and Donations will benefit: Little Company of Mary Hospital & Health Care Centers, Courage of Oak Lawn, La Rabida Hospital, and in memory of Tom Fenton, Loyola Hospital's Ronald McDonald Child Life Program and Burn Center.

Organizers continue to keep Kevin's memory alive by donating these toys and donations in his name.

Please bring toys unwrapped!! Monetary donations are welcome.

If you are unable to attend and wish to donate, call for toy pick up.

All monetary donations collected before, during and after the Drive are used for the above beneficiaries only.

The group is seeking sponsors for the Toy Drive, to offset the cost of the event. Sponsorship of $500 is appreciated. Please call if interested.

All information is available at kevindowlingscholarshipfund.com or by calling Jim McKeever (773) 925-6264 or at mckeever@aol.net; Mary Fran Sends (708) 499-3235, Pat O'Malley (773) 612-7322, Kathy Kobermann (708) 425-5392, Jim Dowling (708) 754-4552, or Mary Beth McQuillan (708) 268-9845. Donations may be mailed to: P.O. Box 92 Oak Lawn, IL 60454. All donations payable to Kevin Dowling Scholarship Fund.

## Black "Fur" Day Adoption Specials

The holiday shopping season has begun. Stop the crowds at the mall. Come to Animal Welfare League (AWL) 16464 Southwest Highway in Chicago Ridge, and find yourself something better: a lifetime of companionship and love. The AWL has close to 1,200 dogs and cats in its care. Half of them are ready for a new home right now.

If you have been thinking about adding to your family, now is the perfect time to adopt. The AWL is offering a Black Friday Adoption Special, Friday through Sunday, Nov. 29th through Dec. 1st, any adoptable dog available is only $99 and any adoptable cat is only $49! All ages and all breeds! That includes spay or neuter, age appropriate vaccinations, one-year rabies vaccination, leash, collar or cat carrier, AWL Identification Microchip and a 10-day Health Guarantee. Spay Neuter deposits may be required.

If you can't adopt, but do want to help, spay/neuter your pets and help lower the number of homeless animals in Cook County.

Linda Ferrada, Executive Director of the Animal Welfare League urges the community to think about adoption. "Dogs and cats have so much love to offer. They'll be your best friend until the end," she stated. "When you adopt, you save a life."

Black Friday adoption hours are Friday 12 to 9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Animal Welfare League is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit humane organization. The League operates two shelters in the Chicago area, which care for over 19,000 homeless and abandoned animals each year. The Animal Welfare League receives no local, state or federal funding and relies on private donations. The League's services include adoptions, animal redemptions, animal assisted therapy, humane education, volunteer program, cruelty investigations, a low-cost spay and neuter clinic and clinic services for those on a limited income.

For more information, contact Terri Sparks, (708) 636-8880, ext. 268.

## Messiah

"Messiah" will be presented on Sunday, Nov. 24th at 3:30 p.m. with Morgan Park Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir, Beverly Seventh-Day Adventist Church Classic Art Choral Ensemble, The Men of St. Edmonds, Chatham Fields Lutheran Church Chancel Choir, Chatham Choral Ensemble, First Congregational Baptist Church and 60 Voice Mass Choir.

Featured will be Rae-Myra Hilliard, soprano; Gloria Spencer-Brown, contralto; Jeffrey L. Burnsh, tenor; James Murray, bass; Yvonne Lindsey, guest pianist; Arthur D. Griffin Jr., organ master; Charles L. Hayes, guest conductor, and Morgan Park Presbyterian Church Orchestra.

The ticket donation is $20 and the event will take place at the Morgan Park Presbyterian Church, 2017 W. 110th Place in Chicago.


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# Health & Nutrition

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### HOLIDAY HEARTBURN

The holidays are a time when heartburn can easily arise and put a damper on festivities like family meals and football parties. If you have GERD — gastroesophageal reflux disease — most likely your misery will occur at this time as well. GERD is a chronic disease that can occur when stomach contents repeatedly flow back into the esophagus or "food pipe." Most of us have had heartburn on occasion, but if it happens chronically, the best thing to do is see a doctor for treatment. In the meantime, there are tips that can minimize symptoms. Follow them carefully for a happier, healthier holiday season!

1. **Schedule an earlier meal.** It's best not to eat late at night if you suffer from GERD.

2. **Serve light appetizers.** Fatty foods like chips, dips and cheeses are slow to empty from the stomach and more likely to aggravate symptoms.

3. **Stay active.** Stick with your exercise routine during the holidays as weight loss can help alleviate GERD symptoms.

4. **Don't smoke.** Nicotine weakens the muscles within your esophagus that prevent back flow or reflux of stomach contents.

5. **Nix the juice.** Citrus fruits and juices, like grapefruit, orange and tomato, are acidic and can worsen GERD symptoms.

6. **Season lightly.** Spicy foods, as well as things like onions and garlic, often bother people with GERD and make heartburn worse.

7. **Limit your drinks.** Whether it's wine at dinner or beer during the game, alcohol can worsen reflux.

8. **Pass on deep frying your turkey.** Fried foods are known to exacerbate GERD symptoms.

9. **Use smaller plates.** Eating large meals can trigger symptoms so try smaller meals spread throughout the day.

10. **Substitute water for soda.** Caffeinated and carbonated beverages are both notorious heartburn aggravators.

11. **Skip the after dinner mint.** Peppermint is another heartburn irritant.

12. **Watch the desserts.** Chocolate might be a favorite. But it often bothers people with GERD.

13. **Slow down.** Physical exertion after a meal can lead to reflux.

14. **Stay awake.** While the turkey might make you sleepy, fight the urge to take a nap. Lying down within three hours of a meal can cause GERD symptoms to flare up.

Heartburn that happens more than once a week, or worsens or continues over time may be a signal of a more serious condition like GERD. Other common symptoms which should lead you to your doctor are frequent or long-lasting heartburn, difficulty swallowing, or a sour taste in the mouth.

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# Heartland Blood Centers To Form Strategic Alliance

Heartland Blood Centers on Nov. 6th announced that Michigan Blood, headquartered in Grand Rapids, Mich., will become a new affiliate of Centers for Transfusion and Transplant Medicine (CTTM), founded in 2012.

Michigan Blood becomes the third affiliate to an existing strategic alliance formed in 2012. CTTM's first two affiliates were Heartland Blood Centers (HBC), and BloodCenter of Wisconsin. Michigan's affiliation with CTTM is expected to be completed in early 2014.

Hospitals across the country continue to seek better ways to improve patient outcomes at a lower cost. As members of the alliance, affiliates work together to provide new and better ways to advance and save patient lives, increase the quality of service to hospitals and reduce the cost of healthcare.

"We are excited to welcome Michigan Blood as an affiliate of our strategic alliance," said Dennis Mestrich, president and CEO of Heartland Blood Centers and president of Blood Operations for CTTM. "With the addition of affiliate blood centers to CTTM, will be able to serve larger hospital systems — and ultimately, more patients — allowing us to retain and grow hospital relationships as the healthcare industry undergoes significant change."

As part of the alliance, HBC, Michigan Blood, and HBC, will remain locally operated.

"Our generous blood donors, community blood drive sponsors and patients in need will continue to be central to our mission."

"This is an incredibly important and positive step for Michigan Blood," said Bill Rietscha, president and CEO. "This partnership with other blood centers is exactly what we need to assure the future of Michigan Blood, and the timing could not be better because of the changes now occurring in health care."

"CTTM is delighted to be partnering with one of the country's outstanding blood service organizations which shares our values and commitment to the community," according to Jacquelyn Fredrick, president and CEO of BloodCenter of Wisconsin and president and CEO of CTTM. "The addition of Michigan Blood also marks a milestone in CTTM's effort to provide innovative transfusion medicine and transplant solutions for health systems that span multiple states. These benefits make each affiliate stronger and better able to serve our communities' healthcare needs."

About Centers for Transfusion and Transplant Medicine

CTTM was formed with the mission to improve the health of patients as the national leader in innovative transfusion solutions for healthcare systems. CTTM, an alliance of blood centers, provides transfusion medicine and diagnostic lab services, medical and scientific expertise and cellular therapies. The collective efforts of CTTM affiliates result in improved patient outcomes, higher quality services and reduced cost of care for the healthcare systems served.

About Michigan Blood

Founded in 1955, Michigan Blood is a fast growing, independent, nonprofit blood bank headquartered in Grand Rapids. It provides blood products and services for more than 40 hospitals throughout Michigan and is an established leaders in quality and service. Michigan Blood collects more than 120,000 units of blood each year at nine permanent donation sites and more than 1,700 mobile blood drives in 17 counties statewide. Michigan Blood has a nationally recognized stem cell (marrow) program and created Michigan's first public cord blood bank as well as cellular therapies for the treatment of cancer. In addition, Michigan Blood provides therapeutic aphaeresis and transfusion medicine consultations. For more information, visit www.miblood.org.

About Heartland Blood Centers

Heartland Blood Centers has been providing blood products and services to patients in Illinois and Northwest Indiana since 1943. With nearly 70 years of service to its communities, Heartland is the oldest blood center in Illinois and among the oldest in the country. Heartland is an independent, not-for-profit blood center, headquartered in Aurora, IL, serving 47 hospitals in a 12 county area in Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. Heartland has established itself as a leader in providing quality products and services, abundant blood product inventories, expert medical and technical support, and unequaled customer service. It operates 17 donor centers throughout its service area and conducts nearly 2,800 blood drives annually at area hospitals, churches, businesses, schools and community centers. Heartland collects more than 172,000 units annually. You can learn more about Heartland Blood Centers at www.heartlandbc.org.

About BloodCenter of Wisconsin

BloodCenter of Wisconsin (BCW) has been providing life-saving blood services to patients in Wisconsin and beyond since 1947. BCW's contribution to the continuum of care spans from discovery and diagnosis to treatment and cure. Headquartered in Milwaukee, BCW currently serves 56 hospitals in 29 Wisconsin counties. BCW provides more than 230,000 units of blood to hospitals annually. Marrow, organs and tissue are also provided to a wide network in the state and throughout the country. BloodCenter has a diagnostic laboratory that serves the United States with specialized tests, and BCW also conducts research on blood-related diseases. For more information, visit www.bcw.edu.

# Day Care Centers And Schools Could Face Fines If Indoor Pest Forms Are Not Filed

To protect children in day care centers and schools from pests such as cockroaches, spiders and rodents, as well as from unnecessary applications of pesticides, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is reminding schools and day care centers they could be fined if they do not comply with the state's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) regulations. State law requires public schools and licensed day care centers to file an IPM form with the Department to document how they plan to implement IPM. IPM uses a variety of non-chemical methods as well as pesticides, when needed, to reduce pest infestations and to minimize children's exposure to pesticides.

"Integrated Pest Management is a means of managing pests that doesn't rely on a single method, such as the routine and often unnecessary application of pesticides," said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck. "It combines methods such as improved sanitation, monitoring, physical barriers and maintenance to reduce the likelihood of pest infestations. Facilities that practice IPM often see a reduction in the number of pests and pesticides applied as well as a reduction in pest control costs."

More than 200 day care centers and schools have failed to comply with the most basic of the state's IPM regulations and may face fines for the first time. IDPH has been working to ensure schools and day care centers comply by sending mass mailings, holding seminars and working with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, which licenses Illinois day cares.

More information about IPM and the IPM regulations can be found at http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/ipm/ipmindex.htm.

Implementing an IPM program greatly reduces the chance of accidental exposure of pesticides to children and staff. This proactive, rather than reactive, approach to managing pests can be more effective in the long term than relying on pesticides alone. Over time, an IPM program can cost less than conventional pest management practices by reducing the school's or day care center's dependency on pesticides.

This integrated pest management reminder is inline with IDPH's strategic plan to effectively and efficiently improve regulatory functions to ensure the health, safety and wellness of the public.

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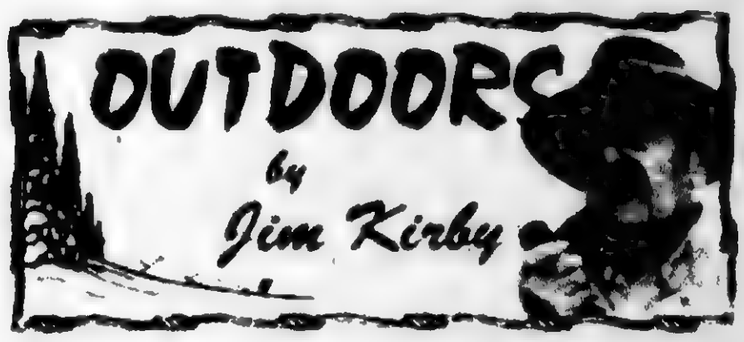


**CHICAGO ANGLER SNAGS GRAND PRIZE IN THE NITRO BOATS RIDE WITH THE PRO CONTEST:** When **Steven Reay**, an angler from Chicago, opened the first envelope announcing he had won a 2013 NITRO Z-7 boat with 150hp OptiMax motor and trailer he was skeptical. However, he sent the requested information and when he received a letter confirming he was being awarded the grand prize he went from disbelief to delight. Reay's lucky day was the result of a random drawing as part of Bracket Marine Group's NITRO "Ride With the Pro" Sweepstakes.

In addition to the NITRO Z-7 boat, motor and trailer package, Reay also received a grand prize package retailing at more than $30,000 which included: *KVD Signature Series HYDROWAVE; *KVD Strike King Lure Kit; *MOTORGUIDE Tour Edition trolling motor;

*Hummingbird Model 597 GPS Fish Finder; *Pair of Oakley KVD Signature Series eyewear; *QUANTUM

**Kevin VanDam (left) poses next to Steven Reay (right), Chicago angler who won the grand prize package**

In addition, Reay was invited to Missouri so he could receive his prize at Bass Pro Shop's flagship superstore in Springfield. During a visit to Table Rock Lake, just south of Springfield, Reay also got to meet **Kevin VanDam**, the all-time money winner on the Bassmaster Tournament Trail.

More than 8,500 people entered the sweepstakes. Participants were encouraged to enter each month for an increased chance to win the grand prize, as well as having a chance to win monthly prizes. Reay said, "It was awesome to meet Kevin VanDam, he even signed my new boat."

**■OUTDOOR CALENDAR: Nov. 21** – Fish Tales Fishing Club meeting, 7 p.m., Bremen Township Bldg., Oak Forest; new members welcome, www.fishtalesfishingclub.com. **Nov. 22-24** – First firearm deer season. **Nov. 28** – **Thanksgiving Day** (... and your leftovers).

**■FACES OF SHOOTERS ARE SHIFTING:** According to a new report, *The State of Sport Shooting*, participation in the U.S. [illegible] 2013, 2.2 million new recreational shooters [illegible] have taken up the sport in the past five years [illegible] female and more urban when compared to established shooters or those who participated for more than [illegible] years.

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**■DRIVERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF DEER THIS FALL:** [illegible] Between October and December, and with Deer Breeding season approaching [illegible] Knowing the following information [illegible] about chances of deer vehicle accidents: *Deer are most active between sunset and sunrise. *Deer are herd animals, so if one crosses others are likely to be nearby. *Use high beams when there is no oncoming traffic. *If you see a deer, slow your speed [illegible] *Do not swerve to avoid hitting a deer; most serious crashes occur when drivers try to miss a deer but hit something else. [illegible] DNR

**■THINK ABOUT IT:** "Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen." – *Winston Churchill*.

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# Jim Thome White Sox Hitting Clinic

The Bulls Sox Academy is extremely excited to announce that former Major League superstar, Jim Thome, will be conducting a Jim Thome White Sox Hitting Clinic on Sunday, Dec. 22nd at the Bulls Sox Academy, 6200 River Bend Drive in Lisle.

The 3-hour clinic will help young athletes develop into the best hitters they can be by listening to one of the best power hitters of all time. Five-time Major League Baseball All-star Jim Thome, along with Bulls Sox Academy professional instructors, will be discussing all absolutes of hitting including stance, stride and finish. Kids will put their new knowledge to good use as they take swings off a tee, soft toss and through live batting practice. To cap off this memorable experience, each player will receive an autographed wooden Louisville Slugger baseball bat and have the opportunity to take a photo alongside the future Hall of Famer.

The Jim Thome White Sox Hitting Clinic is open to boys and girls age seven to fourteen and will run on Sunday, Dec. 22nd from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The cost of this experience of a lifetime is only $125 per athlete. This clinic will SELL OUT. Space is very limited so sign up today!

Jim Thome was a career .276 hitter compiling 2,328 hits and 1,747 walks while playing in 2,543 games at third base, first base and designated hitter. He played in 22 seasons with six different teams including the White Sox, Indians (twice), Phillies (twice), Dodgers, Twins and Orioles. Thome is currently in 7th place on the Major League Baseball all-time home runs list with 612 and 24th on the MLB all-time RBI list with 1,699. He was a five-time MLB All-Star, Silver Slugger Award winner, National League Home Run Champion as well as receiving numerous other on and off the field awards throughout his celebrated career.

While with the White Sox for 2006-2008, Jim hit his 500th home run on Sept. 16, 2006 in walk-off fashion to give the Sox a 6-5 victory against the Angels. White Sox fans will always remember the monster 461-foot solo blast Thome hit in the infamous "Blackout Game" which proved to be the game winner as the Pale Hose won 1-0 during the American League Central tiebreaker battle against the rival Twins on Aug. 14, 2008. To this day, a plaque is posted on the Fan Deck on the centerfield concourse at US Cellular Field marking the spot of that glorious game winning home run. Jim Thome is currently the special assistant to White Sox General Manager, Rick Hahn, and works with the major league staff and players and visits the Sox farm teams to evaluate player performance.

The Bulls Sox Academy is also hosting Chicago Bulls and Chicago White Sox Thanksgiving Camps and or Holiday Camps for the athletes looking to gain some extra training while on break. The Chicago Bulls Holiday Basketball Camp will consist of shooting, ball handling and defensive drills to put the final touches on your game before the season heats up. The Chicago White Sox Holiday Baseball Camp is designed to make sure your athlete is ready for the 2014 season through a variety of offensive and defensive skills training including hitting, fielding, base running and much more. Full-day Combination Camps are also available for the two-sport stars.

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# Queen Of Peace Meet The Coaches

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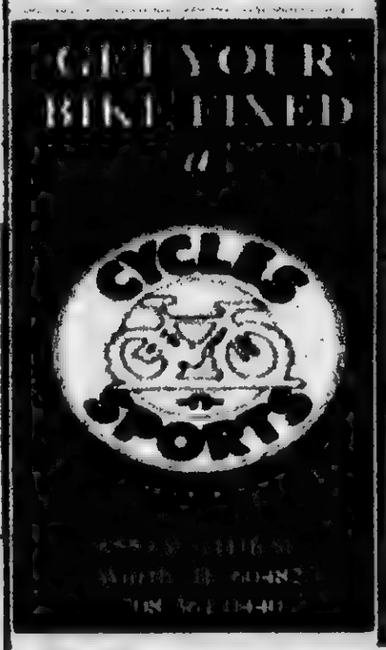


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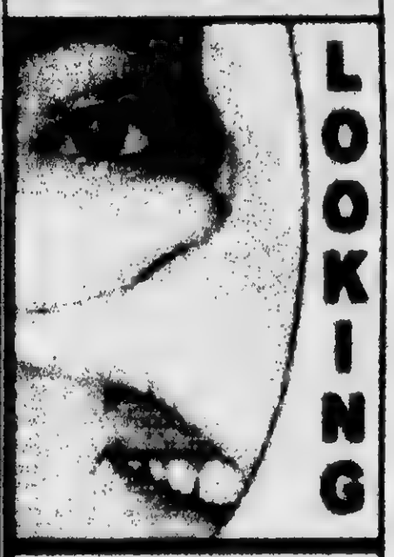


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# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

The Manteno Veterans Home Christmas Woodworking Bazaar will be held on Thursday Dec. 5th from 12 to 8 p.m. Friday Dec. 6th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday Dec. 7th from 9 a.m. to noon in Veterans Hall. There will be a large array of handmade items from the Woodworking Shop for very low prices, so take advantage of this opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping at the bazaar.

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Wreaths Across America will be held on Dec. 14th at 11 a.m. at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois. Wreaths will be placed on the graves after the ceremony, which usually lasts about 20 minutes. It is all outside so dress to be prepared for weather of all kinds.

On Dec. 15, 2012 volunteers placed 4,705 wreaths on the Veterans' graves. On Dec. 14, 2013 there will be approximately 34,000 Veterans buried at ALNC. It is the goal of Wreaths Across America "Let No Hero Be Forgotten", to one day in the near future have a wreath for every Veteran's grave at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Anyone can sponsor a wreath to be placed on any Veteran's grave. They want to honor all who have served. Wreaths can be sponsored all year round.

Individual sponsorship of 1 wreath is $15, family, 4 wreaths, $60, business, 10 wreaths $150, corporate, 100 wreaths $1,500. Mail check or money order to Wreaths Across America OCP Wreath Project, 611 Wilcox St., Joliet, IL 60435. To be included on Dec. 14th, sponsorships must be received by Nov. 22nd. Those received after Nov. 22nd will go toward next year's wreaths.

Please note that you are sponsoring wreaths to be placed on "Any Veteran's" grave. However, if you need a grave specific they will try their best to make it happen. They are all volunteers and have to rely on other volunteers to place the wreaths. If you can come out yourself that day to place it, that would be best if at all possible.

If you wish to sponsor a wreath for a specific grave, you must furnish the Veteran's name, section and grave marker number and a contact phone number.

We couldn't do this without everyone's help. We hope that you'll be able to help us reach our goal and make sure that at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery no hero is forgotten. For more information, you may email Debbie at proudarmysvg@yahoo.net or call and leave a message at (815) 725-0060.

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I took this information from the latest AARP magazine entitled "New One-Stop Place for Veterans Benefits by Steve Mencher.

Military veterans and their families have a new online source of help for getting the benefits they've earned. On the website Explore VA, produced by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, you can learn about many kinds of benefits: health care, education, job services, home loans, housing, life insurance, pensions, disability compensation and much more. You can also apply for those benefits through the site and track the status of your claim.

If you want to reach out for more information or to friends or fellow veterans, you'll find social networking tools to help with that too. Log on to va.gov/explore.

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When filling out your Christmas cards, take a card and send it to Holiday Mail for Heroes, P.O. Box 5456, Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5446. Pass this information on and think of how many cards these wonderful people who have sacrificed so much would get. The deadline is Dec. 6th.

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Here's some news from the Illinois National Guard: Ten firefighters and three vehicles assigned to the 182nd Airlift Wing responded to Washington, IL to help with immediate search and recovery operations in the tornado-damaged area. The initial call for assistance came through the Mutual Aid Box Alert System (MABAS). The firefighters are trained in structural fire and building damage response and are assisting local firefighters on the scene. No additional information is available at this time. For more information you can contact National Guard PAO Illinois, (217) 761-3569 or ng.il.ilarng.list.staff-pao@mail.mil

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*Did You Know*

Many people believe the more you sleep before midnight, the better looking you'll be. In ancient times, people believed it unlucky to set the left foot on the ground first on getting out of bed.

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Quote of the Week

*Think like a wise man but communicate in the language of the people.*

William Butler Yeats

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***Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.***

# OAK LAWN LIBRARY

Attention high school students! Bring your books and meet your friends at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., to study for finals. Hang out in Meeting Room C for group study and snacks. Quiet study areas are available throughout the library. Thursday, Dec. 12, 4 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 16 and Wednesday, Dec. 18 from 4 to 9 p.m. • • •

A free movie screening of "Holiday Inn" will be held on Friday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. At an inn which is only open on holidays, a crooner and a hoofer vie for the affections of a beautiful up-and-coming performer. Starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. 1942. Not rated. 100 min.

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Come out of the cold and warm up with stories about brrr... ice, snow and a little magic at the library on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 2 to 3 p.m. Registration is not required. All ages.

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A discussion of the book "Pigs in Heaven" by Barbara Kingsolver will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 18 from 2 to 3:30 pm. and 7 to 8:30 p.m. Six-year-old Turtle Greer witnesses a freak accident at the Hoover Dam, leading to a man's dramatic rescue. But Turtle's moment of celebrity draws her into a crisis of historical proportions that will envelop not only her and her mother, Taylor, but everyone else who touched their lives. Copies of the book will be available one month in advance of the discussion at the Help Desk. Registration is not required.

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A free movie screening of "Now You See Me" will be held on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 2 and 6:30 p.m. An FBI agent and an Interpol detective track a team of illusionists who pull off bank heists during their performances and reward their audiences with the money. Starring Morgan Freeman, Mark Ruffalo and Isla Fisher. 2013. PG-13. 115 min.

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Happy Thanksgiving

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# Happy Birthday Sue Seputis

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# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Ralph W. Brockman**

Services were held at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, on Monday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Ralph W. Brockman, 88, of Orland Park. He was a WWII U.S. Navy Seabee Veteran.

He is survived by his wife Emily, his children Linda (Rick) Bos, Roy Sr. (Dawn) and Karen (Bill) Rohder, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Raymond J. Czajka**

Mass was said at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Raymond J. Czajka. He was a former Alderman of Hometown for 11 years. He was also the Hometown City Treasurer for 26 years.

He is survived by his wife Betty Lou, his children Deanna (Thomas) Tanner, Balinda (Philip) Mugica, and Sandra Czajka, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Leonard F. Daniluk**

Services were held in Orland Park, on Saturday, with a private cremation for Leonard F. Daniluk, 77.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, his children Daniel (Debbie), Kenneth, Christopher (Heidi) and Tracy (Al) Lorenzen, eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Betty J. Doornbos**

Services were held in Orland Park, on Saturday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South, for Betty J. Doornbos of Palos Park. She was 85. She was an administrative bookkeeper for a library. She was the wife of the late Albert.

She is survived by her children Timothy, Darlene (Timothy) Veach, Craig, Larry, and Todd, eleven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and her brother Roger Vander Woude.

**Clara L.C. Mendez**

Mass was said at St. Alexander Church, Palos Heights, on Monday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Clara L.C. Mendez.

She is survived by her husband Alexander D., her father Frank Conte, her sister Martha (Marion) Wegner and her brother Steve Conte.

**Evelyn Mulkey**

Mass was said at St. Fabian Church, Bridgeview, on Thursday, with a private interment for Evelyn Mulkey. She was a member of St. Fabian Women's Club.

She is survived by her children Cheryl (Donald) Buchanan, Keith and Kathleen Mulkey, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and her brothers Stanley (Frances) Kolozinski and Robert (Theresa) Kolodzinski.

**Carl E. Nelson**

Services were held at the Fawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Tuesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Garden South Cemetery, for Carl E. Nelson, a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the Marines. He was a member of VFW Post 177 in Chicago Ridge.

He is survived by his wife Nancy, his children Craig and Bruce (Karen) Nelson, three grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and his siblings Steve (Gloria), Donald, Helen (John) Taylor, Elsie (Joe) Yanik, Gunnar (Loretta) and Raymond (Judy).

**Robert J. Putnam Jr.**

Services were held in Lockport, on Friday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Robert J. "Bob" Putnam Jr., 79, late of Oak Forest. He was a US Korean War Veteran serving in the Navy.

He is survived by his children Robert J. Putnam III, David (Melinda) Putnam, Tammera (Don) Rutz and Lisa (Kevin) Riedl, ten grandchildren, three brothers and two sisters.

**Mark D. Reilly**

A memorial visitation was held at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with a private interment, for Mark D. Reilly, 36. He was a 5th grade teacher at Memorial School in Tinley Park. He was also a member of Yankee Runners Club who ran in many marathons including two Boston Marathons.

He is survived by his wife Jodie, his children Ella, Benjamin and Spencer, his parents Nancy A. Reilly and James C. (Pamela) Reilly, his grandfather Bert McKinnon, his brother Michael (Laura) Reilly and his sister Megan Reilly.

**Virginia Sobczak**

Mass was said at St. Benedict Church, Blue Island, on Friday, with a private cremation for Virginia "Ginny" Sobczak, 71, of Blue Island. She was the wife of the late Stan "Stash". She was a long-time employee of St. Francis Hospital.

She is survived by her children Frank (Theresa) Campagna, Michael (Janine) Campagna, Christopher (Sharon) Campagna and Rick (Kimmy) Campagna. Her step-children Robert (Andrea) Sobczak and Laura (Harlan) Piercy, twenty-three grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and her brothers Mike, Robert (Patricia), Frank (Georgeen) Ibarra and her sister Audrey (Edward) Tucker.

**Kathleen M. Stevens**

A Memorial Mass was said at St. Mary Catholic Church, Mokena, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, with a private interment, for Kathleen M. Stevens, 62.

She is survived by her husband John M. Stevens Sr., her children John M. Stevens Jr. and Justin Stevens, her mother Harriett Weidenger, and her brothers Charles (Bridget) and Mark (Carol) Weidenger and her sister Candy (Rich) Potter.

**Peggy Jean Studzinski**

A memorial visitation was held on Wednesday at the Heartland Memorial Center, Tinley Park, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery for Peggy Jean Studzinski, 81.

She is survived by her husband Steve, her children Jeff (Cheryl), Steve (Christi) and Tim (Sue), eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and her sister Nancy (John) Brennan.

**Joshua A. Temko**

Mass was said at Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills on Friday and funeral services were held at the Calvary Church, Lemont on Saturday for Joshua A. Temko, 17.

He is survived by his grandparents Kathleen and Paul Smith, his father Dennis Temko Jr., his brother Matthew and his sister Sarah.

**Jean E. Vandenberg**

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Jean E. Vandenberg, late of Tinley Park.

She is survived by her husband Carl R., her children Carl (Deborah), Kirk (Ray Jaskot), Mark (Rhonda), Gary (Bobbie Halminiak) and Scot (Patricia) Vandenberg, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and her sister Lillian (Richard) Morin.

**Hildegarde K. Wagner**

Mass was said at St. Bede the Venerable Church, Chicago, on Wednesday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Hildegarde K. Wagner.

She is survived by her husband Joseph F., her children Robert and James, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Beverly M. Weaver**

Services were held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, on Friday, Nov. 8th, for Beverly M. Weaver, late of Posen, formerly of Dixmoor. She was a retired loan officer for LaSalle National Bank.

She is survived by her daughter Susan (Paul) Fudge, two grandchildren, and her sisters Lorraine Galius and Dorothy Schmeltzer.


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# Invite People To Send Holiday Greetings To Military Members

The American Red Cross invites people to wish happy holidays to those who serve our country, vets and their families through social media and traditional mail through Dec. 16th.

Using the hashtag #HolidayMail on their Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Vine accounts people can be creative and tag instant messages, e-cards, photos, or videos to military members. The Red Cross will post the material on its social media sites throughout the holiday season. Card senders can connect with each other through Facebook.com/redcross and Twitter.com/redcross.

People can also send traditional cards through the mail addressed to: Holiday Mail for Heroes, P.O. Box 5456, Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456.

To ensure that cards are delivered in time for the holidays, they must be postmarked no later than Dec. 16. People are asked to refrain from sending letters, monetary donations or any other inserts with the cards. Please also refrain from using glitter. More information and card requirements can be found at redcross.org/holidaymail.

Red Cross volunteers across the United States and on military installations overseas sort and deliver the cards throughout the holiday season. The Red Cross has received and distributed more than 6.5 million cards for members of the U.S. Armed Forces, veterans and their families since the program began in 2006.

The Red Cross relies on the support of the American people to carry out its mission of service to the 2 million members of the U.S. Armed Forces, 24 million veterans and their families. During this holiday season, the public can also support all Red Cross services by making a financial donation at redcross.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS. Individuals can also give the gift of life by making an appointment to give blood at redcross.org/blood or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

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## Rep. Lipinski Honors America's Veterans In Oak Lawn

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) on Veterans Day joined local residents, schoolchildren, elected officials and veterans' organizations in honoring America's veterans at Oak Lawn's Veterans Day ceremony at the Oak Lawn Veterans Memorial.

"Today we all should take a moment to reflect and honor those brave men and women who have served the United States of America. We would not be home to the greatest country in the world if not for the dedication and selfless service of those who wore our nation's uniform to protect our freedoms and our values. We owe them the life we know today," Rep. Lipinski said. "For these very reasons, I am committed to fighting for our veterans and military men and women to see that they are afforded the respect, recognition and assistance they deserve. I believe, as a nation, that this is our obligation to uphold not just today, but every day."

On Dec. 10 at Oak Lawn's Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., Rep. Lipinski will be hosting a Veterans Fair from 10 a.m. to noon. At the congressman's Veterans Fair, congressional staff, the Illinois and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will be joined by other organizations to assist veterans with a variety of issues, including military personnel and medical records, veterans' claims and benefits, medals earned but not received, VA hospital billing, placement in VA homes, GI Bill information, nominations for U.S. Service Academies and requests for flags flown over the U.S. Capitol.

For more information on this event, call (312) 886-09481 or visit lipinski.house.gov.

## Family Fun Event

The Oak Lawn Park District's Annual Family Fun event at the Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton Ave., will take place on Sunday, Dec. 1st, from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

This is a perfect event to try out ice-skating and spend quality time with your family and friends. Skating staff and student teachers will be available to assist new skaters.

Enjoy a mini-skating performance, raffles, and music provided by CMU Productions. Everyone will receive a treat bag. Admission is $2.

This event is sponsored by Hawk Ford Oak Lawn. For more information, contact (708) 857-5123.

## Breakfast With Santa

Calvary Lutheran Church 11249 S. Spaulding Ave. will hold Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 7th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Join Santa for breakfast, festive music, crafts and more! They ask for a donation of $3 OR a new unopened toy. All toy donations will be given to Toys for Tots. Don't forget your camera!

## Law Internship

Thomas March, born and raised in Oak Lawn, spent the summer at the Rhode Island Superior Courthouse (Frank Lecht Judicial Complex) interning for the Honorable Associate Judge Jeffrey Lanphear. Under the wing of Judge Lanphear, March would observe a wide variety of cases from various low level felonies up to murder cases. While also watching the District Attorney and various defense attorneys' different styles and approaches. "Observing the judicial process from different vantage points gave me invaluable insight into the complete process that takes place in a courtroom", stated March. Who also said. "It was a privilege to serve as an intern to the accomplished and Honorable Judge Lanphear.

March is now back at Brown University as a senior with an intent to attend law school in the future. At Brown he is the Vice-President of the Alexander Hamilton Society, contributing writer for the Brown Spectator (school magazine), President of the Republican Club, and a Presidential Host/ambassador for the Brown University President.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 1 Sunday Craft Fair Our Lady of Loretto, 8928 Kostner Ave., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DECEMBER 2 Monday Planning & Development Commission Meeting 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 2 Monday Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 3 Tuesday Civil Service Commission 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 4 Wednesday Appeals Board 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 5 Thursday Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 5 Thursday Traffic Review Committee Meeting Municipal Center Auditorium, 9446 Raymond 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 6 Friday Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 12:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 7 Saturday District 117 Trustee Ts In, Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

DECEMBER 9 Monday Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 10 Tuesday OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 10 Tuesday Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 10 Tuesday VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 11 Wednesday Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 12 Thursday Architectural Review & Design Commission 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 12 Thursday Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

## Spartans Advance To District Level

Giving students a voice is the main goal of the Oak Lawn Community High School's PISA Reflections Contest. The local judging round for the 2013-2014 PISA Reflections Contest Believe, Dream, Inspire is complete. This year the PISA received a total of 28 projects in the literature, photography, visual arts, and music categories. The competition was coordinated on campus by PISA Reflections Committee Chairperson Kathleen Palacios. PISA President Rita Olsen secured three judges from the community, Keith Ehlet, Glen D. Kato, and John Crivellone, and they are pleased to announce the entries that will be advancing to the district level.

The students advancing in the literature category include: Angelica Davis, first place, 10th grade; Alyssa Contino, 10th grade, second place; Julia Kasprzak, 10th grade, third place; Athmar Ibrahim, 10th grade, award of merit; and Emma Barry, 10th grade, award merit. One student, Adam Smith, 12th grade, will advance in the music category. The students advancing in photography include: Brian Ptister, 12th grade, first place; Steven Boetscher, 12th grade, second place; and Megan Pripusich, 12th grade, third place. The students advancing for visual arts include Jalisa Balboa, 10th grade, first place and Rebecca Mackowiak, 12th grade, second place. Good luck students on possibly advancing to the national level!


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# Health & Nutrition

**Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN**

### TOP TEN WAYS TO STAVE OFF WEIGHT GAIN ON THANKSGIVING DAY

*Each year I run this Thanksgiving column as a reminder that no matter what fad diet is on the market, good common sense still holds true when attempting to be "the battle of the bulge."*

It's Thanksgiving Day, you are reading one of the fourteen Southwest Messenger newspapers, and the aroma of turkey and all its trimmings are around you. Soon you will "dive in" to one of your biggest dinners of the year. How can you cut the calories while still enjoying the splendors of the day?

Making a plan earlier in the week would have helped, but that is too late now. So you must improvise and take immediate action. Here are ten ways to help you out:

1. If it is still morning, go to the health club NOW (if it's open) and watch the parades while you are on the treadmill.
2. Walk or run the dog for a half hour.
3. At half-time of the football game, take a brisk walk. This is a perfect time to reacquaint yourself with family or friends, or to be alone if possible.
4. If you are the chef, serve smaller portions and substitute lower calorie and fat products in your recipes.
5. If lesser portions are not possible, cut the intake on your plate by a third.
6. Drink lots of water and several non-calorie beverages before putting any calories in front of you.
7. Choose wine over hard liquor, or request your mixed drink be made with your "favorite recipe" which includes a low cal beverage or juice as opposed to sugary mixes. You may want to "take over" as bartender to get what you are asking for, if allowable.
8. Brush your teeth before going to the dinner table.
9. Write everything down that you have eaten when you get home, and add up the calories. This may upset you enough to eat less over the weekend.
10. Double your time at aerobics tomorrow.

These are all tried and true suggestions from holidays past.

Good luck and have a blessed Thanksgiving!"

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# Receive Grant

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia has been awarded a grant of $27,500 through Chicago Tribune Charities, a McCormick Foundation Fund. Chicago Tribune and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation established Chicago Tribune Charities in 1990 to positively impact the lives of thousands of disadvantaged children, families and adults every year.

This Crisis Center grant provides children's counseling and therapeutic services. It is widely accepted that children are profoundly impacted by domestic violence, and through personalized therapy, children can heal from the abuse they have witnessed or experienced. The Crisis Center's Community Counseling Program has licensed and certified professional clinical counselors to assist clients in overcoming the effects of domestic violence.

"We are very thankful for the consistent and generous support we have received from our friends at the McCormick Foundation," said Edward Vega, Sr., Executive Director for the Crisis Center. "Their investment in the Crisis Center this program year will go towards providing therapy to children who have witnessed the horror of domestic violence in their homes."

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia's mission is to provide emergency shelter and other essential services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence and address the societal issues that contribute to domestic violence. Visit www.crisisH.org for more information on the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, ways to support its mission, and the services it provides.

# Assisted Living Concepts Moving Headquarters To Chicago

Illinois Governor Pat Quinn and Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced that Assisted Living Concepts, LLC (ALC), a leading provider of senior housing with more than 200 assisted living residences across the United States, will move its corporate headquarters from Menomonee Falls, Wis., to Chicago by the end of the year.

The company, which was represented by commercial real estate firm Studley, has leased 25,265 square feet at 330 N. Wabash in Chicago. Beginning in December 2013, the new space will house ALC's roughly 100 corporate employees, including its executive team.

"The state's enduring advantages as a home for companies of all sizes are benefiting its taxpayers and people who seek work," said Governor Quinn. "Employers who want to be at the epicenter of North American business are driving economic growth throughout the state."

"As mayor, I am focused on making Chicago the most business-friendly city in the nation, and I am thrilled to welcome ALC as the newest member of our vibrant and engaged business community," said Mayor Emanuel.

Chicago offers companies such as ALC a significant pipeline of healthcare employees, with area colleges and universities enrolling nearly 60,000 students and granting more than 24,000 degrees in healthcare related fields annually. The city's more than 20,000 healthcare-related establishments and 491,000 healthcare-related employees generated $45 billion in healthcare-related GDP in 2012. Chicago also has the second highest employment of any metro area in the U.S. in hospitals, nursing care facilities, and other health practitioners.

ALC is eligible for tax credits under the Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE) program administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). The tax credits, based on job creation, can be used against corporate income taxes to be paid for up to 10 years.

Under Governor Quinn's leadership, the state has identified and recruited companies in dynamic sectors such as healthcare and technology. There also has been a focus on securing new corporate headquarters. The state has enlarged its base of private sector jobs by more than 3 percent, or 216,000 positions, since January 2010, when job growth returned to Illinois following two years of declines during the recession.

Investments such as Mayor Emanuel's $251 million commitment to help prepare City College students for careers in healthcare are also helping facilitate growth. The industry is projected to add 56,000 employees in the region over the next decade, outpacing overall employment growth.

Increasing the region's position as a center for headquarters is a key component of the city's Plan for Economic Growth and Jobs, called for by Mayor Emanuel and currently being implemented by World Business Chicago (WBC). WBC and its board members worked closely with ALC to illustrate Chicago's competitive advantages.

Formerly a part of Extendicare (EHSI), ALC formed its own organization in 2006 and went public soon after. ALC currently operates more than 200 assisted living communities across 19 states and employs over 4,500 people. In July 2013, ALC was acquired by TPG Capital (TPG), a leading global private investment firm.


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# Mount Assisi Open House

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Come and visit Mount Assisi Academy. Meet the teachers and coaches, learn about our clubs and activities, see our wireless campus, and experience the difference and benefits of an all-girls Catholic school.

Congratulations to the following girls that were honored by the conference and named All-Conference All-Academic: Anna Broadhurst (Oak Forest- St. Damien), Maddie Cahur (Summit- St. Joseph in Summit), Anne Doyle (Homer Glen- St. Cyril's), Megan Heurich (Chicago- St. Joseph in Summit), Jackie Honings (Chicago- St. Daniel Pre), Jessica Jakubowski (Chicago- St. Mary Star of the Sea), Maddie Johnson (Chicago Ridge- Our Lady of the Ridge), Shyann Koenig (Chicago- St. Rene Goupil), Taylor Krueger (Orland Hills- St. Elizabeth Seton), Alexa McGreal, Juliana Seiza, Lily Olguin (Palos Park- Our Lady of the Woods), Madilyn Peters (Homer Glen- St. James), Trisha Peters (Homer Glen- St. James), Rachel Sepulveda (Romeoville- St. Dennis), Colleen Sullivan (Chicago- Queen of the Universe), Jesiyn Vayahi (Orland Park- St. Francis of Assisi), Clare Wasilewska (Lombard- Sacred Heart), Mary Kate Wetzel (Palos Heights- St. Alexander), and Molly Williams (Orland Park- St. Michael).

Congratulations to our Fall athletes that have earned All-Conference Honors: Jackie Honings in golf (Chicago- St. Daniel Pre), the doubles team of Taylor Krueger (Orland Hills-St. Elizabeth Seton) & Maddie Johnson in Tennis (Chicago Ridge- Our Lady of the Ridge), and volleyball players Anna Broadhurst (Oak Forest- St. Damien), Kelly Magliano (Chicago- St. Christina), and Mary Kate Wetzel (Palos Heights- St. Alexander).

Congratulations Sabrina Miller (pictured) on signing your Division I Softball Scholarship with Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville! Sabrina is from Our Lady of the Ridge in Chicago Ridge.

For more information visit www.mtassisi.org

# Nativity Luncheon At The Center

The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park, will host a luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd featuring the history and a live re-enactment of the Christmas Creche.

Center Program Director Lois Lauer will share the story of how St. Francis began the tradition of reenacting the story of Christmas, and then she'll be joined by Rev. Chris Hopkins and several other members of The Center's staff to stage a live re-enactment of the Christmas Nativity with a real donkey and sheep inside the Great Hall of The Center's Lodge. Several beautiful examples of ceramic and wood nativity sets will be on display, and attendees are invited to bring their treasured or unusual nativity sets to add to the display.

The luncheon begins at 12 noon, the cost is $17 per person, and requires advance reservations. The 1 p.m. program will follow the luncheon. For further information, call The Center at (708) 361-3650.

# NAMI Southwest Lost A Great President & Friend In Joan Kennedy Falk

NAMI Southwest has lost a great president and friend, Joan Kennedy Falk, who died on Nov. 19th at the age of 77 after a long illness. They will miss her infectious smile and laughter at all of their meetings and events.

As the retired executive director of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce, Joan knew how to make friends. Everyone who met her instantly knew they were in the presence of true grace and beauty. Generous to a fault, she extended her warmth and kindness to so many families living with mental illness in the southwest suburbs. They welcomed her fresh ideas and exuberance which energized their family-based nonprofit organization.

NAMI Southwest is a group of families, friends, consumers and professionals providing support, education and advocacy. Its purpose is to eradicate mental illness and to improve the quality of life for those suffering from these serious brain diseases. For more information about memorial services for Joan or about the organization she loved, call (708) 425-0925 or email at namisouthwest@hotmail.com.

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## *Plan To Consolidate, Modernize County Real Estate*

Cook County Board President Tom Preckwinkle recently highlighted a plan that is expected to save more than $100 million over the next 15 years by consolidating and better managing county real estate.

The County plans to reduce downtown office space to save $30 million. The County anticipates saving about $8 million by consolidating highway facilities, roughly $18 million by modernizing records storage in County warehouses, and $45 million by removing considerable unused space at Oak Forest Health Center. The Dept. of Capital Planning will perform an analysis of each project phase to determine the necessary capital investment required to ensure the plan is successful.

"Historically, Cook County did not maintain a complete portfolio of the real estate it owned and operated," President Preckwinkle said. "We have compiled these records to understand what we have and what we need. Now that we've studied our inventory, we have developed a long-term strategy to reduce our footprint and save significant taxpayer monies."

**Reduce Downtown Office Space**

The County occupies 1.6 million square feet of office space in downtown Chicago. This includes the County Building, the George W. Dunne Administration Building and the non-courtroom areas of the Richard J. Daley Center. By adopting more modern space use standards and reconfiguring offices, the County will be able to reduce the space it uses by up to 22 percent. The County would then be able to lease open downtown office space to generate revenue, which is expected to cover renovation costs. The County has already leased the 34th floor at the Dunne Building and is actively pursuing a tenant for the 35th floor.

**Consolidate Highway Facilities**

The County maintains five highway facilities which serve as district headquarters for road maintenance operation. Snow plows and other necessary equipment to maintain county roads and highways are housed at these facilities. The County plans to close the Lafayette Park location by consolidating the functions and staff to other district facilities. Available space at the Orland Park maintenance facility would be repurposed as an impound lot for the Cook County Sheriff's Office, allowing the County to sell the current impound lot. This work will begin in 2014.

**Modern Records Storage**

The County uses three warehouses – which total roughly 985,000 square feet – to store records. It cost about $5.5 million a year to maintain that space. Modernizing County records collection is expected to reduce storage space between 20 to 30 percent. In addition, the County recently purchased a new warehouse in Cicero that will allow for the more efficient use of space. As an example, the County will be able to increase the density of boxes per square foot up to eight from two at the Cicero location. The County plans to implement this plan within three years.

**Repurpose Oak Forest Health Center Campus**

Oak Forest Health Center occupies 1.3 million square feet. The County estimates roughly 50 percent of the campus is underused or used as inactive storage areas. Over the next 15 years, it will cost the County $251 million to maintain these buildings. With some of the buildings on campus dating back to 1910, the County also estimates the campus will need roughly $129 million in capital repairs. In order to avoid expenses on functionally obsolete buildings, the County intends to reduce the Oak Forest Health Center Campus by up to 75 percent. Health care services would be located in buildings designed to enhance the delivery of care and reduce costs. This work would take four to five years.

"This plan requires cooperation from everyone involved," Preckwinkle said. "I am confident we can work together as we continue to bring the County into the 21st century."

## *Companies To Stop Billing For Cell Phone 'Cramming' Charges*

Attorney General Lisa Madigan joined with 44 other attorneys general to announce that three of the nation's largest mobile phone carriers – AT&T Mobility, Sprint and T-Mobile – will stop charging their customers for premium text messages and effectively put an end to practice of cell phone "cramming" that rocks up unauthorized third party charges on mobile customers' accounts.

The announcement is a breakthrough in the fight by Madigan and other states to put a stop to cell phone cramming. Commercial Premium Short Messaging Services, or PSMS, accounts for the majority of third party charges on cell phones and for the overwhelming majority of cramming complaints reported to Madigan's office.

"This development is a major victory for consumers," Madigan said. "Eliminating charges for premium texts will go a long way toward preventing scammers from illegally profiting by sneaking unauthorized charges onto our monthly cell phone bills."

Cramming happens when third-party vendors use people's phone numbers much like a credit card. Vendors add charges to phone bills for bogus products or services, such as celebrity gossip items, horoscopes and joke-of-the-day offerings, which consumers and businesses never requested – and never used. But because the charges are unauthorized, consumers rarely, if ever, detect the scam, allowing the scammer to illegally profit for months at a time.

Wireless cramming has become an emerging source of consumer fraud, much like it did on landline phones before the practice was banned in Illinois. In 2012, Madigan drafted and negotiated a law that banned unauthorized charges on landline phones, making Illinois only the second state in the nation to ban the practice on wired phone lines. But as more people use cell phones as their primary phones, scam artists are now migrating to wireless billing schemes, prompting the need for stronger consumer protections.

The Attorney General's office has filed 30 lawsuits against crammers. Among the most glaring targets for these scams was cited in Madigan's 2009 lawsuit against U.S. Credit Fund Inc., a Venice, Calif.-based operation, which crammed a Springfield public library's dial-a-story telephone line.

Attorney General Madigan has been an outspoken advocate for a nationwide ban on phone bill cramming, having testified before the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee on the matter and calling on the Federal Trade Commission to address the growing problem of cell phone "cramming" as it conducts a national examination of trends involving unauthorized charges on mobile phone bills.

For information on how to protect against phone bill cramming or to report being scammed, contact Attorney General Madigan's Consumer Fraud Hotlines: Chicago 1-800-386-5438, Springfield 1-800-243-0618, Carbondale 1-800-243-0607.

## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Happy Thanksgiving – today we celebrate the many joys and blessings bestowed upon ourselves and our loved ones – a day set aside by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863 as a national holiday when he issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Lincoln designated the last Thursday in November as the date of festivities. Today, however, the fourth Thursday of the month is the established day. In 1939 President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (approved by Congress in 1941) changed the date from Lincoln's designated day to the fourth Thursday since on occasion the last Thursday could also be the fifth Thursday of the month, too close to Christmas for retail businesses.

According to the Plymouth Plantation Museum History, the tradition of the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving is surrounded by legend and myth. Few people realize that the Pilgrims did not celebrate thereafter, though some of their descendents later initiated a "Forefathers Day" that usually took place on Dec. 21st or 22nd. Several Presidents, including George Washington, made one-time Thanksgiving holidays. In 1827, Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hale began lobbying several presidents for the instatement of Thanksgiving as a national holiday. Her efforts were fruitless until 1863, when Abraham Lincoln finally proclaimed it a national holiday with his Thanksgiving Proclamation.

The date of Thanksgiving was most likely set by Lincoln to try and correlate with the anchoring of the Mayflower at Cape Cod, which took place on Nov. 21st, 1620 (by our modern Gregorian calendar – it was Nov. 11th to the Pilgrims who used the Julian calendar).

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Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that all offices and facilities will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28th and 29th, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Driver Service facilities that are normally open Tuesday through Saturday will be closed on Saturday, Nov. 30th.

All Monday through Friday Driver Services facilities will be open for business on Monday, Dec. 2nd and Tuesday through Saturday facilities will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd.

Individuals can visit the Secretary of State's website, www.cyberdriveillinois.com, to change an address, register to become an organ and tissue donor or renew license plate stickers by mail.

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As the holidays arrive, state Rep. Bob Rita is proud to stand with Comlid to support veterans and active military personnel if they need help keeping the lights on.

Comlid offers the CHAMP (Comlid Helps Activated Veteran Military Personnel) program to help with bill payments for veterans and deployed members of the military in the utility's northern Illinois service territory. The program previously offered to disabled veterans and deployed active military personnel starting in 2002 was recently expanded to cover all veterans.

CHAMP offers a variety of benefits: bill payment assistance of up to $1,000 while funds are available, deferred payment plans, extended payment due dates, cancellation of late charges, deposit reduction or refunds, and budget payment plans. Comlid is dedicating $50 million in financial assistance over five years, starting in 2012, to help low-income residents – seniors, veterans and activated members of the armed services. The aid is part of the 2011 Smart Grid Law. In 2012, Comlid helped more than 32,000 customers who could have faced disconnection.

"In a challenging economic climate, we realize some customers fall on hard times and need assistance with paying their monthly electric bill," said Val Jensen, senior vice president of Customers Operations, Comlid. "As part of our customer commitment, we are pleased to renew and broaden our commitment to financial assistance programs to help customers in need, especially veterans."

Rep. Rita, D-Blue Island, wants residents in his district to know about and take advantage of the program if they're in need.

To enroll in CHAMP, customers should call 1-888-806-CARE (2273), or download an application at www.Comlid.com/CARE.

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U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) will be hosting both a Senior Fair and a Veterans Fair in December. The Veterans Fair will be held Tuesday, Dec. 10th at Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., Oak Lawn, from 10 a.m.–noon. Congressional staff, the Illinois and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will be joined by other organizations to assist veterans with a variety of issues, including military personnel and medical records, veterans' claims and benefits, medals earned but not received, VA hospital billing, placement in VA homes, GI Bill information, nominations for U.S. Service Academies and requests for flags flown over the U.S. Capitol.

The Senior Fair will be held Monday, Dec. 16th at Chicago's Mount Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th St. Seniors will have the opportunity to get help from staffers with Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, veterans' benefits, the Postal Service, utility bills and other issues.

For more information on these events, call (312) 886-0481 or visit lipinski.house.gov.

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Cook County Circuit Court Clerk Dorothy Brown has requested that All Points remind readers that Electronic Filing is now available in the Chancery, Civil, Child Support, Domestic Relations and Law Divisions of the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Sign up now for suburban area E-Filing Training Classes. CLE credit is available. 2 sessions/day will be held at District 5 – Bridgeview, 10220 S. 76th Ave., all purpose room – lower level on Wednesday, Dec. 4th. Register online for an E-filing training session at www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org or call (312) 603-4357.

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The University Of Chicago Harris School Of Public Policy Studies has announced that Cook County Clerk David Orr has been appointed a Senior Fellow for his longstanding contributions to Public Service.

Orr plans to teach a class in the politics of urban policy in the spring. He is also heading up the Leadership Chicago Program, which will bring local leaders like Cook County Board President Tom Preckwinkle and Chicago City Colleges Board President Paula Wolff to Chicago Harris for lectures and discussions with students. And he will help coordinate paid internships for students, both around the world and within local government, campaigns and elections.

"At Chicago Harris I want to explore how you make good ideas work in a tough political climate," Orr said. "We have a challenge: can we come up with policies that can be implemented despite the challenges urban areas face?"

Orr has been involved in academia since the 1960s. He was an Assistant Professor of History and Urban Affairs at Mundelein College (now part of Loyola University) in Chicago, has been a strong mentor to junior colleges over the years and most recently led a course in urban studies at DePaul University.

# Open Auditions For "The Glass Menagerie"

The Beverly Theatre Guild, a community theatre and member of the League of Chicago Theatres, is pleased to announce open auditions for the seasonal production of its 2013-2014 Season, *The Glass Menagerie*, to be directed Rosco Ayala.

Open auditions, no appointment is necessary, will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 4th at 7 p.m. Call-backs on Thursday, Dec. 5th at 7 p.m. At Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner Ave. in Oak Lawn.

Auditions will consist of individual readings of excerpts from the script. All candidates looking to audition are asked to know the story and have read the script prior to auditions to prepare you for the audition process. Audition sides will be posted on the BTG website at www.beverlytheatreguild.org. Head shots and resumes are not necessary, although if you do have one it would be appreciated if you send it to *BeverlyTheatreGuild@gmail.com* before auditions, otherwise you can bring it with you to auditions.

*The Glass Menagerie*, by Tennessee Williams, is a memory play based on narrator Tom Wingfield's recollections of his mother, Amanda and sister, Laura.

The characters are:

**Tom (Tennessee) Wingfield: The Future** (age 40-55)

The Narrator of the play. He is Tom Wingfield aged 15 years after the play takes place at the height of his career as a playwright and poet. He reflects on his most influential moment of his past and invites the audience to step into his memory. He is modeled off of Tennessee Williams himself. His journey is most emotional of all as he reflects and tries to understand and come to terms with his dysfunctional past.

**Tom Wingfield: The Dreamer** (age 21-30)

Brother and son to Laura and Amanda, a poet with a job in a warehouse. His nature is not remorseless, but to escape from a trap he has to act without pity. He struggles to write and he escapes from reality through nightly excursions, apparently to the movies but also to local bars. Tom feels both obligated toward yet burdened by his family and longs to escape.

**Amanda Wingfield: The Condescend** (age 50+)

A little woman of great but confused vitality clinging frantically to another time and place. Certainly she has endurance and a kind of heroism, and though her foolishness makes her unwittingly cruel at times, there is tenderness in her slight person. Mother to Tom and Laura Wingfield, Amanda yearns for the comforts from her youth and also longs for her children to have the same comforts, but her devotion to them has made her as she admits at one point "almost 'hateful' towards them."

**Laura Wingfield: The Hopeless** (age 25-35)

Amanda's daughter and Tom's older sister. A childhood illness has left her with a limp, and she has a mental fragility and an inferiority complex that have isolated her from the outside world. She has created a world of her own symbolized by her collection of glass figurines. She is as fragile one of her glass figurines or porcelain giving her the appearance that she could break with the slightest touch.

**Jim O'Connor: The Prospect** (age 25-35)

Jim is the gentleman caller that Amanda has been waiting for her daughter Laura. He is the only real character in the show. An old high school acquaintance of Tom and Laura. Jim was a popular athlete and actor during his days at Soldan High School. Subsequent years have been less kind to Jim, however, and by the time of the play's action he is working as a shipping clerk at the same shoe warehouse as Tom. His hope to shine again is conveyed by his study of public speaking and ideas of self-improvement.

All performances will be at the Baer Theater at Morgan Park Academy Arts Center, 2153 W. 111th St. in Chicago, on Friday, Feb. 14th at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15th at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 16th at 2 p.m. For more information: call (773) 284-8497 or visit www.beverlytheatreguild.org.

# Annual Holiday Bazaar

Make plans to attend Sertoma's Holiday Bazaar which will be held on Friday, Dec. 6th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 4343 W. 123rd Street in Alsip. Friends, neighboring schools, churches and area organizations are welcome to stop in for some holiday cheer.

Looking for gift ideas that won't break the bank? There will be craft items that range from $1 to $10. Free gift wrapping is included. Grab some lunch at the North Pole Café or enjoy a sweet treat and some hot chocolate at Mrs. Claus Bake Shoppe. Funds raised from this event support individuals with disabilities.

Shoppers will enjoy a large number of holiday craft booths, many hand-made by individuals with disabilities. Rudolph's Reindeer Boutique includes tables of holiday gifts & handcrafted items. Invite your family and friends to Sertoma Centre, Inc., 4343 West 123rd Street, Alsip for a one-of-a kind shopping experience. Contact head elf, Laura Gardner at (708) 730-6211 or lgardner@sertomacentre.org for more information or visit the website.

For information regarding Sertoma Centre, to schedule a tour, volunteer, or to make a donation, please contact Amy Chmura, Director of Advancement and Communications, (708)730-6206.

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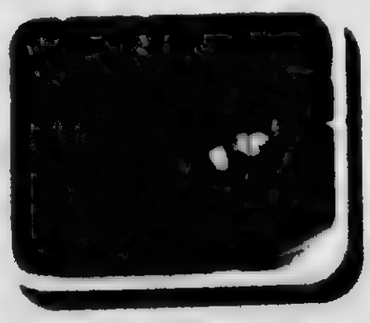

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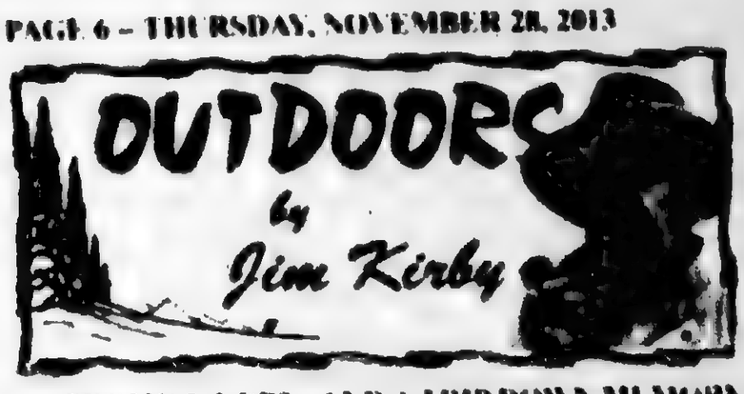


**A PROMISE KEPT - AND A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE:** My hunting and fishing buddy **Ted Swanson** recently passed away. Ted and I hunted and fished from Wisconsin to Chesapeake Bay to Arkansas to Texas and all points in between. Due to shoulder problems, I can no longer swing a shotgun. I wanted to one last time sit in the "Ted Williams blind" so named because at one time baseball great Ted Williams and Murray Crowder were the outdoor media reps for Sears, and they entertained guests in a duck blind on a spring hole in Lake Senachwine, off the Illinois River near Putnam, Illinois. I had some memorable duck hunts in that blind. Ted Swanson wound up buying the acreage that included the spring hole and what came to be known as the "Ted Williams Blind."

At Ted's wake the family knew about our plans to hunt and said they would see that I would get to hunt out of that blind. Last week I got the call from Ted's son Bill Swanson to be the guest of the family for a two-day duck hunt and also to bring a guest. **Mike Lahar**, Palos Hts., heard me talk about Illinois River duck hunts and the Ted Williams blind and accepted the invitation to join me.

We enjoyed the hospitality of Bill, his wife Kristy and Ted's son-in-law Ski Verdun. I sat in that blind as Bill, Ski and Mike did all the work setting up the decoys, calling and shooting the ducks, Ski cooking a hot shore lunch and cleaning the ducks. As I sat there, flashbacks came to me of the many great hunts we had in that spring hole. One thing different on this hunt was getting out to the blind, no breaking ice, rowing, poling or walking. Bill used the 'air-boat' to take us right up to the blind.

**●REGIONAL OUTDOOR REPORTS: Illinois** - *The second Canada goose season is open in the central zone. *Waterfowl season is open in the southern zone. *The second firearm deer season, Dec. 5-Dec. 8. *Firearm deer hunters in 10 northern Illinois counties are required to register all deer harvested during firearm season by taking them to county check stations where biologists will be present to take Chronic Wasting Disease samples for testing at the time the deer are registered. *The DNR has suspended hunting programs at the Des Plaines Game Propagation Center until further notice because of damage at the facility caused by the severe weather on Sunday, Nov. 17. *Hunters may now apply for the first lottery for 2014 Spring Wild Turkey permits online at www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/turkey. **Application deadline is Dec. 1, 2013.**

**Wisconsin** - *The nine-day deer season is in full swing and reports from around the state indicate that while the rut - or white-tailed deer mating season - is beginning to wane in some areas, it is still going on fairly strong in some areas. *Canada goose numbers are reaching peak at the major marshes of southern Wisconsin. *Ice that is beginning to form on river backwaters and marshes has moved ducks south, but divers are still plentiful. *Only a few diehard musky anglers have been venturing out on Northwoods lakes with no report of any success in the last week. *(Wisconsin DNR Reports)*

**Indiana:** *Snowmobile season is here, the trails are open December through March when snow conditions are adequate and the trails are posted as open. *21 state parks to close temporarily for controlled deer reduction on Dec. 2 and 3. These state parks will close to the general public the evening before each of the two efforts and will reopen the morning after each two-day reduction. *Annual entrance, boating and horseback riding permits for Indiana State Parks and Reservoirs for 2014 are available online at *IunsOutlys.com. (Indiana DNR release)*

**Michigan:** *DNR reminds hunters about guidelines for importing deer, elk and moose meat taken in other states. If you are notified by another state or providence a deer, elk or moose that you brought into Michigan tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), you must contact the DNR Wildlife Disease Lab within two business days at (517) 336-5030. *(Michigan DNR Press Release)*

**●HUNTERS STAND GOOD CHANCE OF FALLING IF HUNTING FROM A TREE STAND:** One in every three hunters who hunt from a tree stand will fall at some point in their hunting career and of those 75 to 80 percent occur while ascending or descending the tree. A recent study by the International Hunter Education Association showed that nationally 300 to 500 hunters are killed annually in tree stand accidents and another 6,000 will have tree stand-related injuries. Wisconsin has had three reported fatal tree stand falls already this year, according to Jon King, DNR hunter education administrator.

"Tree stand incidents are one of the leading causes of injury to hunters, so we strongly urge hunters to follow safety measures when hunting from a tree stand," said King. More information on tree stand safety and on a free tree stand safety course is available by searching the DNR website for "tree stand safety."

**●THINK ABOUT IT:** "After all is said and done, more is said than done." (Aesop)

**●E-Mail Jim Kirby:** *kirbyoutdoors@sbcglobal.net*

# New Coach, New Season For Moraine Valley Men's Basketball

The Moraine Valley Community College men's basketball team completed the 2012-13 season higher than they or any other Cyclones team has gone - runner up in the nation padded by NJCAA Region IV and Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference championships. As a new season approaches, Moraine Valley finds itself ranked #12 in an NJCAA Division II poll with a new head coach, a new system and some fresh faces, but the same high standards and goals.

Coach Dedrick Shannon hung up his playbook after nine years, leaving on a very high note. The coveted role of head coach was entrusted to David Howard, a former Cyclone who played under Shannon in 2005-06. From his playing days at Whitney Young High School, Waubonsee Community College and Moraine Valley and then injuries that led to his coaching a throng of Chicago high school teams, Howard was given this chance as head coach and couldn't be happier. "This is like a dream come true because I wanted to coach on the collegiate level. I have this opportunity, and now I have to make the best of it. I love this. This is not a job I have to peel myself out of bed for," Howard said. "I'm grateful that coach [Bill] Finn and Dedrick opened this door for me. This is truly a blessing for me to be named head coach."

With a new coach comes a different system and view of the game. On the court, Howard wants his guys to use their basketball IQ and play the game more mentally. Through an emphasis on defense, blocking out and good conditioning, he hopes this focus will aid his smaller-sized squad. Howard said he also is allowing his players to voice their opinions on what's going well or what might work better, but he still has the upper hand.

Within his new system, Howard wants a melding of sport, academics and life. "My philosophy is to teach life through basketball. After my ACL reconstruction, I hung up my laces. I didn't want it to happen, but at some point you have to hang up the laces and work. I want the players prepared. I want them to work on the court and in the classroom and develop them as young men of high quality and character and top citizens as a whole." I welcome it, and I believe I they look back, I hope they th they learned to be disciplined

The Cyclones lost a ke Kamington Ward. Despite the loss, a group of veterans returns and brings that nationals experience to the table. All-Conference guard Johnte Shannon (Thornwood, 6'1") is back along with guard/forward Des'mique Harris (Plainfield East, 6'4"), guard Cameron Juillerat (Australia, 5'11"), guard/forward Brett Kaiser (Stagg, 6'3"), center/forward Derrick Lynn (Hogan, 6'6"), and guard Kyle Ward (Lockport, 6'1").

"I'm expecting these guys to carry the load because they gave their blood, sweat and tears last year. They know what it takes," Howard said. "I'll rely on them to push themselves and their teammates. This is the core group, but they can't do it alone."

Howard expects the incoming group of players to be invaluable to the success of the team. The effort from all sides will pay off, Howard said, and he has high expectations. "I want to do equally as well as last year. It's a tall task, but I wouldn't set the bar any lower. If we don't return to nationals, I'll be disappointed and feel I let everyone down. I'm ready to do what I have to do."

The Cyclones opened their season Nov. 2 with an away game against Kishwaukee College. Their first home game is Nov. 16 at 3 p.m.

For their complete schedule, visit www.morainevalley.edu/athletics/mens_bball/schedule.htm.

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## Present "Home For The Holidays"

Experience the wonder and glory of Christmas when the Southwest Symphony plays its most popular concert *Home for the Holidays* at Sacred Heart Church, 8245 W. 111th Street in Palos Hills, on Saturday, Dec. 7th at 7:30 p.m. and at St. Michael Church, 14327 Highland in Orland Park, on Friday Dec. 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Joining the SSO for this magical evening of holiday favorites are the St. Michael and Sacred Heart Music Ministries and the Voices of the Valley. Tickets, from $5 to $25, are available at the door, and in advance by calling 708-802-0686 and online at www.southwestsymphony.com. Children 12 and under are free. Instrumentalists wishing to audition for the Symphony should call the number above.

This concert is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

## Swallow Cliff December Luncheon

The Swallow Cliff Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its Christmas Luncheon at noon on Saturday, Dec. 14th at the DoubleTree Hotel, 5000 W. 127th Street in Alsip. The cost is $24, and reservations are required by Dec. 4th. It will be a time to celebrate DAR through the generations and to participate in the annual Silent Auction.

The NSDAR is a non-profit, non-political organization dedicated to preserving American history, securing America's future through better education, and promoting patriotism. Membership in the DAR is a unique opportunity to honor one's lineage and heritage as a descendant of a patriot of the American Revolution. Prospective members and guests from all south and southwest suburbs are welcome. For further information, email swallowsliffdar@gmail.com.

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# OLCHS Collects 55 Meal Baskets

Oak Lawn Community High School students and staff collected 55 full meal baskets for the annual Student Council Thanksgiving Food Drive. Each meal basket included numerous items such as canned fruits and vegetables, cornbread mix, juice, and a $20 grocery store gift certificate. The baskets were donated to food pantries at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oak Lawn and Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Burbank.

Five or more baskets were collected by the following teachers or departmental offices: the Deans' Office, Mr. Brett Habas, Mrs. Jennifer Jepsen, and Mrs. Jodi Newton. Student Council will host an after school pizza party for these students and staff members for extraordinary generosity.

For the first time ever, there was a tie for the winner! The prestigious Turkey Chalice, an engraved vase that is showcased in the teacher's classroom until the next food drive, will be shared by Mrs. Tracy Hochstadt's English Advanced Placement and Mr. Tim Sidlow's English III Honors classes for each donating 11 full meal baskets.

Pictured are Julia Bugaj, Kenneth Schlesser, Azriza Hasan, Kristina Balboa, Meghan Jean, Edgar Cabac, Troy Walker, Pastor Mark Birkholz.

# Santa On The Village Green

On Saturday, Nov. 30th the Village of Oak Lawn will host their annual Santa on the Green from 1 to 4 p.m. Santa, Mrs. Claus and Frosty will make a special appearance and be available for pictures (bring your camera). There will also be an appearance by an Lit'Suit Walker! The children can enjoy horse-drawn sleigh rides, a mini-train ride and caroling by the Sward and Kolmar School choirs.

Santa on the Green is a perfect start to gather and celebrate the holiday season. The Village Green is located north of the Oak Lawn Public Library at 94th & Cook Avenue.

# Christmas Card Workshop

The annual Christmas Craft Workshop at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8th for children with their parents. It begins at 2 p.m. with Christmas carols and the lighting of the Christmas tree. Then children can make a variety of Christmas crafts, including their very own edible gingerbread house. The donation per craft ranges from free to $1 each. A "Christmas Treasure" sale, with gently used treasures ready for bargain hunters, will also be open.

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The church is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. and is handicapped accessible.

# VFW Auxiliary Christmas Party

Johnson-Phelps VFW Ladies Auxiliary #5220 will be hosting their annual Ladies Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 17th at the post home, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. in Oak Lawn, from 6 till 10 p.m.

There will be cocktails (cash bar) from 6 to 7 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. There will be entertainment, bingo and raffles. The cost is $16 per person.

Enjoy a "ladies night" out, while you support the Auxiliary's veteran and community programs.

For more information and tickets, call (708) 423-5220.

# OAK LAWN POLICE CALLS

On Nov. 7, Christine C. Watson of Chicago was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol after a traffic stop in the 4500 block of W. 95th Street when she was seen driving erratically, making u-turns and cutting off other motorists. She failed field sobriety tests and refused to give a breath sample.

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On Nov. 8, four people were arrested and charged with under aged drinking. Briana M. Waddell of Nottingham Park, Christina M. Pehr of Lemont, Matthew Shelley of Bridgeview and Emad Zabadneh of Palos Hills, all under 21 were arrested after a bar check at George's Lounge, 5407 W. 95th Street. Pehr was also cited for carrying a fake ID.

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On Nov. 9, Jodie Maddox of Cedar Lake, Ind. was arrested for speeding, driving on a suspended license, no insurance, improper use of a registration and no registration after a traffic stop in the 11200 block of S. Cicero Avenue. He was also arrested for violation of an order of protection since the woman who was to be protected was a passenger in his vehicle.

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On Nov. 9, Joseph J. Gleeson IV of Worth was charged with aggravated speeding going 80 mph in a 40 mph zone, improper lane usage, failure to signal and negligent driving as well as a drug charge after a traffic stop in the 9400 block of Southwest Highway. Police found 2.5 grams of Marijuana in his pockets.

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On Nov. 10, two men stole a $300 phone off a display at the T-mobile store at 5341 W. 95th Street. The pair fled the store. The offenders were pursued on foot by an off duty Alsip police officer who was in the store. However, the men escaped in a gray or silver van at 96th and Tulley.

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# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Karen J. Banaszak**

Mass was said at St. Mary Catholic Church, Mokena, on Friday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Karen J. Banaszak, 66 of Mokena, formerly of Evergreen Park.

She is survived by her husband James J. Banaszak, Sr., her children James J. Banaszak, Jr. and Janet (Charles) Svazas, three grandchildren, and her brother Harold Kunz

**Donald J. Bush**

Mass was said at St. Christina Church, Mt. Greenwood, on Tuesday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Donald J. "Doc" Bush O.D., 60. He was a dedicated optometrist on the South Side of Chicago with 34 years of service.

He is survived by his wife Sara, his children Eileen and Elizabeth Bush, his brothers William (Nancy) and Timothy (Nora)

**Jean M. Dyrkacz**

Mass was said at St. Mary Church, Mokena, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Jean M. Dyrkacz, 89, late of Mokena. She was the wife of the late Charles J.

She is survived by her children Nancy (Jacob) Wesolowski, Gert Velko and John (Jan) Dyrkacz, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren

**Jean Marie Hoefler**

Mass was said at St. Joseph Church, Homewood, on Saturday, for Jean Marie Hoefler, 85, of Tinley Park, formerly of Glenwood. She was a graduate of Acquinas High School and Chicago Teachers College. She was a longtime volunteer for the St. James Hospital Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband Robert Hoefler, her children Eileen Hoefler, Kathleen Trepanw, Robert (Alecia) Hoefler and Anne (Wyatt) Ritchie, and eleven grandchildren.

**Joan B. Kennedy Falk**

Mass was said at St. Gerald Church, Oak Lawn, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Joan B. Kennedy Falk. She was the longtime Executive Director of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce and President of NAMI Southwest. She was the wife of the late Robert Falk.

She is survived by her children Steven Falk, James (Nancy) Kennedy, Sheri and Teri Falk, four grandchildren, and her sister Dolores "Dee Dee" Healy

**Sun Im Kim**

Services were held at the Korean United Methodist Church, Homewood on Wednesday, with interment at Skyline Memorial Park, for Sun Im Kim, 56, late of Orland Park, formerly of Homewood.

She is survived by her children Steven (Alua Sanders Kim) and Christopher (Kathie) Kim, and one grandchild

**Hans J. Marske**

Services were held at the Kurtz Memorial Chapel Frankfort, on Thursday, with a private interment for Hans J. Marske, 52, of Mokena, formerly of Frankfort, Hickory Hills and Palos Hills

He is survived by his children Michael Marske, Lisa (Freddie) Vigil and Jennifer Memengh, his parents Emil and Marianne Marske, his sister Monica (Peter) Vanek, and two grandchildren

**Glenn E. Moleterno**

Mass was said at St. Patricia Church, Hickory Hills, on Friday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Glenn E. Moleterno, 45

He is survived by his mother Jeanne (Richard) Sikora and his step-brother Michael (Arlene) Sikora and step-sister Laura (Will) Hanson

**Carol Moll**

A gathering will be held at the Prestwick Country Club, 601 Prestwick Drive, Frankfort, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, November 29 with a private interment for Carol Moll

She is survived by her children Kara Moll (Mark Kuntz), Randall (Brooke) Moll, four grandchildren and her brothers Bruce and Glen (Pat) Wahl

**Donald R. Ridder**

Services were held at the Beevar and Son Funeral Home, Crestwood, on Wednesday, with interment at First Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, for Donald R. Ridder, 71

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Air Force Airman Zachary M. Faulkner graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Faulkner is the son of Robert Faulkner of Georgia and Karrie Daly of Midlothian. He is a 2012 graduate of Crosby Branch High School in Georgia.

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Air Force Airman Daniel Plister graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Plister is the son of Thomas Plister of Oak Lawn and Kimberly Scottino of Oak Lawn. He [illegible] graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School in Oak Lawn.

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# *Moraine Valley And Trinity Christian College Strengthen Transfer Ties*

**Moraine Valley Community College students will now have a seamless path to transfer to Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights.**

**The Trinity-Moraine Admissions Collaboration (TMAC) Agreement, signed by Trinity's President Steven Timmermans and Moraine Valley's President Sylvia M. Jenkins on Oct. 23rd, offers transfer students a choice of collaborative program options in addition to other benefits, including: academic advising prior to transfer; scholarship award of at least $4,000/year for eligible students; application for additional need-based financial assistance; and waiving of the Trinity application fee.**

**Collaborative program options have also been developed under the agreement.**

**One option allows students to earn a professional counseling degree in just five years of starting their degree at Moraine Valley. Students first earn associate and bachelor's degrees in psychology in three years, then, depending on eligibility and meeting entrance requirements, immediately enter Trinity's master of art's degree in counseling psychology program.**

**The two colleges also revised the transfer agreement that leads to a bachelor's degree in Trinity's Adult Studies business program. This ensures that the courses students take at both institutions are coordinated and will lead to degree completion.**

**An additional collaborative program enables students to complete an associate degree with a psychology major at Moraine Valley and then transfer to Trinity to complete a bachelor's degree with a major in cognitive and speech development and a minor in speech and communication sciences.**

**Pictured: Dr. Steven Timmermans and Dr. Sylvia M. Jenkins, joined by from left David Deutemeyer, dean of Academic Services, Moraine Valley; Debbie Blatzer, director of Academic Advising Programs and Services, Moraine Valley; Dina Carnes-Simon, transfer coordinator, Articulation, Moraine Valley; Kim Fabian, executive director of Marketing and Communications, Trinity Christian; Jayna Tobias-Johnson, registrar, Trinity Christian; Dr. Elizabeth Rudenga, Provost, Trinity Christian; Joann Wright, dean of Counseling and Advising, Moraine Valley; Dr. Pamela Haney, vice president of Academic Affairs, Moraine Valley; Dr. Margaret Lehner, vice president of Institutional Advancement, Moraine Valley; Dr. Normah Salleh-Barone, vice president of Student Development, Moraine Valley; Walter Dronczak, dean of Liberal Arts, Moraine Valley; Robert Sterkowitz, chief financial officer, Moraine Valley; and Chet Shaw, dean of Student Services, Moraine Valley.**

# Brookfield Zoo's Holiday Magic

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[illegible] with an early [illegible] at Brookfield Zoo's Zoo Year's Eve celebration [illegible] will begin at 6 p.m. with music [illegible] and giveaways. At 8 p.m. a kid-friendly countdown will also take place at Hamill Family Play Zoo [illegible] families with younger children can create noisemakers to bring in the Zoo Year.

In addition, the Zoo's restaurants and food stands will be open with holiday menus and holiday treats – such as cookies [illegible] chocolate and [illegible] – and gift shops will have hundreds of items that would make perfect gifts and stocking stuffers for hard-to-shop-for loved ones.

During Holiday Magic, guests should park in Brookfield Zoo's main parking lot (First Avenue and 31st Street). With the exception of rides and photo opportunities, activities are free with paid admission of $15 for adults and [illegible] children ages 3-11 and seniors 65 [illegible] and under are free. Car parking is [illegible]. For additional information about Holiday Magic, visit [illegible] or call (708) [illegible].

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# Offer Minimally Invasive Hip Replacement Surgery

**Drs. Robert Atkenson and Paul Atkenson of Orland Park are pleased to offer patients a new and innovative minimally invasive technique for hip replacement surgery. The Superpath hip replacement technique was developed as an evolutionary advancement of other forms of minimally invasive total hip replacement surgery. Superpath or Supercapsular Percutaneously Assisted Total Hip is a tissue sparing approach in which many patients walk within hours of their procedure and many are discharged the next day. It is the least invasive of all minimally invasive hip replacement procedures. As a consequence, patients experience dramatically less post-operative pain, earlier hospital discharge, a more rapid return to activities of daily living, and a higher ultimate level of function. In contrast to other minimally invasive hip replacement procedures, Superpath's tissue sparing nature completely preserves the integrity of the hip joint capsule and avoids cutting of muscles. The procedure is performed via a superior approach on a standard operating table and avoids unnatural intra-operative leg positions which would otherwise predispose to development of potential complications such as blood clots. Preservation of the hip joint capsule results in enhanced hip stability and a much lower rate of dislocation as compared to other techniques of hip replacement. The Superpath technique of hip replacement does not restrict surgeons to a specific type of implant but rather allows them to choose a prosthesis best suited for the patient rather than the technique. These features represent several of multiple clear advantages over the now somewhat popular anterior approach to total hip replacement.**

**Drs. Paul and Robert Atkenson are brothers and are board certified orthopedic surgeons in Orland Park who have greater than 50 years of combined orthopedic experience. They assist each other in surgery and have done so in thousands of joint replacement operations and other orthopedic procedures. They have been performing this state of the art procedure at Metrosouth Medical Center, a leading hospital provider for orthopedic surgery. They couldn't be more pleased with their results. Doctors who refer their patients are amazed at how quickly the patients' rehabilitation occurs. Physical therapists tell the Atkenson's patients that they are performing at one week what other patients are doing at one month. The Atkensons believe the Superpath technique will come to be known as a landmark achievement in total hip replacement surgery. Although this cutting edge procedure is rapidly increasing in popularity throughout the United States, the Atkenson brothers are currently the only surgeons in Illinois who have been specially trained in the Superpath technique. They believe one day it will become the standard of care in hip replacement surgery. To schedule an appointment with the Atkenson brothers, please call (708) 460-4422. For more information on Superpath and post-operative patient videos, see http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVVqPLvIGvA**

**Ken Johnson, center, with Dr. Paul Atkenson and Dr. Robert Atkenson (left to right) following his Superpath total hip replacement. Ken, who required no outpatient postoperative physical therapy, said, "I couldn't be happier. It's great to recover so quickly and walk without pain."**

# Rep. Lipinski Invites Local Veterans To Veterans Fair

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) is reminding local veterans and their families that he will be hosting a Veterans Fair from 10 a.m. to Noon on Tuesday, Dec. 10th at the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. in Oak Lawn.

Rep. Lipinski's staff will be joined by the Illinois and U.S. Departments of Veterans Affairs and other organizations to assist veterans with a variety of issues, including military personnel and medical records, veterans' claims and benefits, medals earned but not received, VA Hospital billing, placement in VA homes, GI Bill information and other veterans' issues.

For more information, call (312) 886-0481 or visit www.lipinski.house.gov

# "Christmas Treasure" Sale

The annual Christmas Craft Workshop at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8th for children with their parents. It begins at 2 p.m. with Christmas carols and the lighting of the Christmas tree. Then children can make a variety of Christmas crafts, including their very own edible gingerbread house. The donation per craft ranges from free to $1 each. A "Christmas Treasure" sale, with gently used treasures ready for bargain hunters, will also be open.

For more information call 708-422-4200.

The church is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. and is handicapped accessible.

**HOLIDAY DEADLINE FOR NEWS RELEASES**

**CHRISTMAS Dec. 26, 2013 issue deadline is Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013**

**NEW YEAR'S Jan. 2, 2014 issue deadline is Thursday, Dec. 26, 2013**

# Emergency Operator Placed On Administrative Leave

The Village of Oak Lawn administration placed an emergency operator on paid administrative leave pending a disciplinary investigation on Nov. 27th.

Lori Gromala, an operator at the Village Emergency Call Center, is the subject of an investigation into behavior disrupting Call Center operations during her shift.

Gromala previously received a three-day suspension in 2012 for misconduct.

On Nov. 27th, the Village Board voted to approve a contract with Northern Public Safety Communications, Inc. following a breakdown in negotiations over concessions with the union representing Oak Lawn's Emergency Telecommunicators, MAP 351. Gromala is a member of the union.

The breakdown in negotiations over concessions between the Village and the union came after months of negotiations which began in 2012.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 6 Friday Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 12:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 7 Saturday District 11 "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon.

DECEMBER 8 Sunday Christmas Craft Workshop, Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., 2 to 4 p.m.

DECEMBER 9 Monday Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 10 Tuesday OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 10 Tuesday Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 10 Tuesday VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 11 Wednesday Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 12 Thursday Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 12 Thursday Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 14 Saturday Breakfast With Santa Cookie Sale, Oak Lawn Community Presbyterian Church, 9000 Ridgeland Ave., 9 to 11 a.m.

DECEMBER 14 Saturday VFW Auxiliary Ladies Christmas Party, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 6 to 10 p.m.

DECEMBER 16 Monday Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 17 Tuesday Special Events Committee Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 17 Tuesday OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, Lower Level Rotary Room, 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 17 Tuesday Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 18 Wednesday Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room 119, 8 p.m.

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# Jesse White Joins Various Religious Organizations To Show Support For National Donor Sabbath

Secretary of State Jesse White joined with Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and Sikh faith leaders to show religious support for organ tissue donation and recognize National Donor Sabbath, an interfaith campaign aimed at educating religious communities about donation.

"People often cite religious beliefs as a reason for not signing up for the state's organ and tissue donor registries," White said. "The faiths represented here show how many different religions support this lifesaving act."

During the weekend of Nov. 15-17th, faith communities in Illinois and across the country recognize National Donor Sabbath. Faith leaders and congregations participate in services and events to increase awareness of this vital program. According to the United Network for Organ Sharing, nearly all major religious groups support organ and tissue donation including Catholicism, Protestantism, Islam and Judaism.

Currently, more than 118,000 people are waiting for organs nationally. In Illinois, there are approximately 5,000 people on the waiting list. Sadly, about 300 people die each year because organs are not available.

"So many people are touched by donation," White said. "Many people are recipients or part of a donor family and can openly discuss their experience with donation during this time."

White's office produced a 60-second public service announcement on Donor Sabbath that was distributed to radio stations statewide. The PSA features two sisters, Gillian and Grace Irons. Nine-year-old Gillian received the lifesaving kidney she was in need of at 3 years old. Now her sister 4-year-old Grace needs a kidney and Gillian hopes the generosity of a donor will improve her sister's health. The girls attended the press conference with their parents.

Faith leaders attending the event at the James R. Thompson Center included:

- Kyle Hong is pastor of the Cosmopolitan United Methodist Church in Chicago. As a Christian, Hong fully supports organ and tissue donation, regarding it as an act of love in line with the example that Jesus set with his life.
- Reverend John Nicholas Kalomas is senior priest at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church and chaplain of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship and the Hellenic Student Association of Loyola University. Kalomas encourages organ tissue donation in his church.
- Shiva Singh Khalsa is a Sikh minister and President and CEO of the Spirit Rising Foundation. His religious views support organ donation as being a selfless act.
- Kevin Marzalik, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago, is representing Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago, who was unable to attend. The Archdiocese of Chicago and Cardinal Francis George fully endorses the organ and tissue donation program, as Catholicism deems it one of the highest expressions of compassion and giving.
- Imam Matthew L. Ramadan is deputy executive director of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago. As an Islamic leader, Ramadan believes organ donation is in line with Muslim ideology.
- Hyeonsong Sunim is pastor of Bulteus Buddhist Temple of Chicago, affiliated with the Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism. As a Buddhist, Hyeonsong believes in saving the lives of others and encourages both blood and organ donation.
- Apostle Carl White, Jr. is founder and Senior Pastor of Victory Christian International Ministries, Inc., located in Markham. As a Christian, advocates for building healthy communities in every aspect of life including organ and tissue donation.
- Rabbi Michael R. Zedek of Emanuel Congregation of Chicago is a senior rabbi, scholar, teacher and civic activist. As a rabbi, he has approved of organ/tissue donation for countless parishioners.

For more information on organ tissue donation or to register to become as a donor visit LifeGiftIL.com, call the Secretary of State Organ/Tissue Donor Program at 1-800-210-2106, or visit a Driver Services facility.

# Benefit For Tornado Victims

Jenny's Steak House and One 91 will hold a benefit for the Will County Tornado victims on Sunday, Dec. 15th from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at One 91 [illegible] West 91st St. in Mokena. Tickets are $15 for adults, $8 for children 6 to 12 and children 5 and under are free. There will be a cash bar and a buffet, the 1940 Rose Band, raffle baskets and Split the Pot.

On Sunday, Nov. 17th the National Weather Service determined that at least 16 tornadoes struck Illinois and northwest Indiana and Gov. Pat Quinn declared six more counties as state disaster areas, which includes Will County.

The weather service determined that three EF-2 tornadoes, packing winds of [illegible] to 135 miles per hour hit Coal City, Manhattan and Frankfort. The hardest hit was the area around Coal City, where top winds were estimated at 122 miles per hour and the path stretched for about 13 miles.

The residents of Manhattan and several volunteers have set an awesome example of how to rally. The outpouring of support has been a wonderful thing. Jenny's and One 91 are asking those who attend the benefit to bring at least one item to donate. "The support of many is the need at this time."

Right now the biggest focus as to donations is for gift cards or a toy for Christmas for the children. Gift cards, such as MasterCard, Visa, Wal-Mart, Target, Gas Cards, Home Depot, Menards, Lowes, Walgreens, or Ace Hardware, are suggested. Cash donations can be made directly to United Way Disaster Relief Fund. All proceeds from the benefit will go to the Will County Tornado Victims.

Drop-off sites for donated items are: Hawk Fitness in Manhattan, Mokena VFW and Jenny's & One 91. For more information, you many contact Michael Hennessy of United Way of Will County at (815) 723-2500, Ann Kelly at (708) 420-1128 or Steve Pyez at (708) 860-6058.

"Thank you in advance for your support," from Jenny's & One 91. They can be reached at (708) 479-6873 or at JENNYSSTEAKHOUSE.COM.

# Waive Fees For American Express Gift Cards Through December 12th

The U.S. Postal Service is offering a deal which extends Black Friday savings through the holiday season.

Through Thursday, Dec. 12th, the USPS will waive all $3.95, $4.95 and $5.95 gift card activation fees when customers purchase $25-$50 or variable value ($25-$100) American Express gift cards.

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The American Express gift cards are on sale at many Post Office locations in Illinois.


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# School boards Seek To Avoid Pension Cost Shift, Regulate Virtual Charter Schools

The Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) will not support any reform legislation seeking a cost shift of the teacher pension burden onto local school districts as a way of the state's failure to meet its own pension obligations to the teacher retirement system.

Representatives from more than 100 Illinois school districts considered that proposal among [illegible] public school issues at a meeting of the Association's annual delegate assembly. The assembly was held in conjunction with the 2013 Joint Annual Conference, Nov. 22-24 in Chicago.

The measure was passed overwhelmingly by delegates at a conference where school board members from across the state also celebrated their Association's 100th anniversary. The groundwork for what would become one of the largest state public education associations in the nation was laid by a group of 12 school board members on Dec. 14, 1913 in Quincy, Illinois.

This year's conference was attended by nearly 4,000 school board members, administrators, board secretaries, educators, school attorneys, regional and state education agencies, and guests.

In addition to voting on resolutions, the delegates also voted to elect a new president and vice president.

The pension reform resolution was submitted by Wheaton Warrenville CUSD 200. The proposal seeks legislation to resolve Illinois' current pension crisis "in a way that is fully compliant with prevailing actuarial science standards to achieve fully funded and sustainable state pension funds," according to the sponsor.

The rationale behind the resolution states that Illinois' pension reform problem can only be truly solved by addressing the state's failure to "at most its financial obligations and to adhere to actuarial principles when expanding pension benefits."

Representatives also approved a resolution seeking to regulate state-authorized "virtual" charter schools. The aim is to ensure that such schools, which would allow students to attend school entirely online, meet the full needs of Illinois students and follow the intent of the current state laws. Currently, virtual schools could draw the same amount of public funds from local school districts as if they were brick and mortar schools, taking the equivalent of 75 to 125 percent of the local district tuition.

The IASB resolution addresses concerns that arose in February when 18 Illinois school districts received petitions from what appeared to be a not-for-profit organization seeking to operate an online "virtual" charter school for students throughout the 18 districts. The petitions revealed, however, that management of curriculum, teachers and student assessment was to be outsourced to a for-profit education firm that was the subject of extensive complaints and investigations in several states.

In the spring, all 18 districts rejected the chartering petition, raising questions as to whether the proposal met the spirit and intent of the current charter school law requirement demanding a not-for-profit operation. The state has since placed a one-year moratorium on the virtual charter school process.

A total of 15 resolutions were submitted, 14 new proposals and one amendment. Others reaffirmed existing position statements. Local member districts are encouraged to draft and submit proposals in the spring. After a committee reviews them and offers its recommendations, the delegate assembly votes on the resolutions. Those approved are used by IASB and other school management supporters to establish an agenda for their lobbying efforts.

More than 80 percent of the state's 860 school districts attended the 2013 Joint Annual Conference. This was the 81st meeting of the Illinois Association of School Boards, Illinois Association of School Administrators and Illinois Association of School Business Officials.

The conference offered a wide variety of professional development programs in 116 panel sessions, seven pre-conference workshops, three general sessions, and other learning opportunities. More information about this year's conference can be found on the Associations' website, http://iasb.com/jac13. A list of the Association's position statements can be found at http://iasb.com/govrel/positions.cfm.

IASB is a voluntary organization of local boards of education dedicated to strengthening public schools through local control. Although not a part of state government, IASB is organized by member school boards as a private, not-for-profit corporation under authority granted by Article 23 of the Illinois School Code.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

AgeOptions is a 40-year-old organization that was created to represent the older population in suburban Cook County, Illinois, organize services and programs, support community initiatives and advocate on behalf of older adults and the aging network. It is essential that the Illinois pension issue is resolved so that the state may sustain the safety net for vulnerable individuals. We urge the General Assembly to address the impact of automatic budget reductions scheduled to occur every year without a logical solution to the deficits now existing in our state pensions.

The ability of AgeOptions to address our mission is impacted by the support we receive from federal and state program funding. We are unable to meet the needs of older adults and families when resources are reduced or eliminated because of governmental action or inaction. What does this mean? In 2012, we reached more than 234,000 people through competent community based organizations. That figure will most likely be reduced in 2013 after a 4.5 percent federal sequester. Loss of resources to the aging network will lead to:

Premature nursing home placement

Increased malnutrition among homebound older adults

Decreased safety among older adults and people with disabilities at risk of abuse

Decreased access to accurate information on aging issues

There are no positive scenarios if Illinois does not curtail the drain on Illinois General Revenues now prescribed by the pension problem.

Although there are a number of issues related to the economic health of Illinois and its capacity to offer compassionate and smart programs to vulnerable citizens, inaction on the public pension situation is the most urgent and immediate driver of the state's priorities and budget. We understand that more than a billion dollars will be cut from the Illinois budget every year if the current pension financing payment policy is not changed.

Inaction on the pension issue automatically results in more than $1 billion in reduced state capacity and puts vital social service programs at risk. We urge our fellow Illinois residents to insist that changes be implemented that respect the dignity of public employees while assuring that essential responsibilities of the state for responsive services and support to the population are met.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Lavin, CEO
AgeOptions

# *Student Athletes Sign National Letters Of Intent*

**Marist High School hosted a signing ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 15th, for six student-athletes to sign their National Letters of Intent, confirming their enrollment at their respective colleges during the 2014-2015 academic year.**

**Wrestlers Peter Andreotti (Western Springs) and Mario Leveille (Mt. Greenwood) both committed to Purdue University. Andreotti is a two time state-placer, finishing fifth (160lb.) in 2013 and sixth (152lb.) in 2012. Leveille is a two-time state qualifier.**

**Softball player Brooke Wyderski (Justice) committed to Loyola University. As short stop and pitcher, Wyderski helped lead the Redhawks to the 2012 IHSA 4A state championship. Her teammate, Julie Trellicoso (Beverly), an outfielder for the Redhawks, signed with St. Ambrose University (IA).**

**Volleyball players Molly Mayo and Bridget Krasowski, both of Oak Lawn, also signed. Mayo, a standout setter for Marist, will play for Wofford College (SC), while Krasowski will head to St. Joseph's College (IN).**

**Celebrating 50 years of excellence, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street, Chicago, IL 60655, is a Catholic, college-prep, co-ed institution committed to making Jesus known and loved while preparing students for higher education and life.**

**Marist student-athletes Julie Trellicoso (from left), Brooke Wyderski, Peter Andreotti, Mario Leveille, Molly Mayo and Bridget Krasowski signed National Letters of Intent confirming their enrollment at their respective colleges for the 2014-15 school year.**

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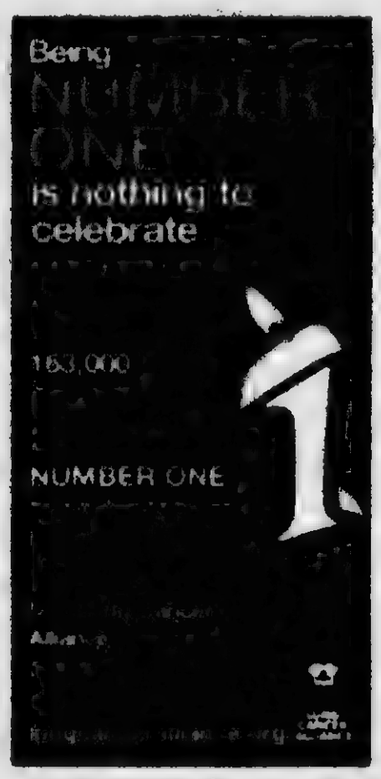


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# EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

## *Lipinski's American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act Introduced In Senate*

U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-3) announced last week that U.S. Sens. Mark Kirk (R) and Chris Coons (D) have introduced a Senate companion bill to the congressman's American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2013, legislation that would bolster the competitiveness of the manufacturing industry in the United States. The bill would require the development of a national manufacturing strategy, boosting traditional and high-tech manufacturers that employ nearly 12 million Americans.

"Our Manufacturing Competitiveness Act has always been about bringing all sides together, from both sides of the aisle, as well as the public and private sectors, to develop a set of coordinated policies that will boost American manufacturing and help create good-paying middle-class jobs here at home," Rep. Lipinski said. "This legislation will help give our manufacturers a fairer shot at competing in the global marketplace and provide American workers with the opportunity to thrive in the 21st century. I thank Sens. Kirk and Coons for their leadership on this bill and their commitment to manufacturers."

"The United States is a worldwide leader in manufacturing innovation, but the industry's competitiveness is crucial to maintaining our economic edge in the global marketplace," Sen. Kirk said. "Manufacturers in Illinois employ more than half a million workers with quality jobs and account for 13.5 percent of the total state economic output. Our bill will ensure that the United States manufacturing industry remains competitive and creates new high-quality jobs for generations to come."

"Manufacturing has enormous power to create jobs and drive America's economic recovery," Sen. Coons said. "Right now, the federal government does not have a coordinated strategy for supporting America's manufacturers. We need a national strategy that looks at skills training, R&D, trade, and the wealth of factors that contribute to our manufacturers' success. This is a commonsense, bipartisan bill that will ensure the federal government is doing everything it can to create the conditions necessary to help America's manufacturers grow and create jobs."

Sens. Sherrod Brown (D-Oh.) and Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) also are cosponsors of the bill.

Rep. Lipinski introduced the companion legislation in the House (HR 2447) earlier this year.

The manufacturing industry contributes $1.8 trillion to the U.S. economy each year. On its own, it would rank as the world's tenth-largest economy. Current federal programs and incentives support conditions for growth in the industry, yet there is no overarching national strategy. The American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act sets goals for a U.S. manufacturing strategy and requires the administration to analyze every four years what impacts manufacturing competitiveness.

The bipartisan legislation does not increase government spending or create new programs. Last year, the House passed Rep. Lipinski's (HR 5865) legislation similar to the American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act by a vote of 396-27. The bill is supported by the following organizations: Alliance for American Manufacturing (AAM), American Iron and Steel Institute, American Small Manufacturers Coalition, AMT - The Association for Manufacturing Technology, The Dow Chemical Company, DuPont, International Association of Machinists, NACAM - National Council for Advanced Manufacturing, National Defense Industry Association, National Tooling and Machining Association, North American Die Casting Association, Precision Machined Products Association, Precision Metalforming Association, United Steelworkers, and United Auto Workers.

## *Major Natural & Cultural Resources Plan*

The Forest Preserves of Cook County is teaming up with the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois to create a comprehensive plan for the management of its natural and cultural resources.

The Natural and Cultural Resources' Master Plan will draw together two traditionally separate disciplines. "Natural resources" include the land, water and wildlife, communities inhabiting the Preserves' nearly 69,000 acres. Cultural resources include archaeological sites and artifacts left by early human societies who lived on these lands.

The project will assemble into one, central data base ecological and archaeological data on the Forest Preserves' holdings, including previously unknown or inaccessible data such as physical collections by staff and paper records held by partner institutions. Once the data is compiled, scientists will identify gaps in information and work to fill them using rapid field surveys and other methods. The database will be a "living" document, allowing for continued updating as new information is discovered and future data collected.

Forest Preserve ecologists and planners will be able to use the map-based database to gain greater insights into the land's history and better identify trends. The plan will standardize protocols for monitoring changing conditions over the long term. The public will also be able to access and use selected non-sensitive data.

The Prairie Research Institute houses the Illinois Scientific Surveys, including the Illinois Natural History Survey, the Illinois State Geological Survey, the Illinois State Water Survey, the Illinois State Archaeological Survey and the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center. "They were the ideal partner for this project," Randall said. "Since 1858, the ISIS has essentially served as our state's biological memory. They have a breadth of expertise and an ability to organize and protect sensitive information. This partnership gives the Forest Preserves access to more than 600 scientists and technicians with knowledge of Illinois resources unavailable anywhere else." The Forest Preserves will also bring in experts to facilitate a public input process.

Key staff from the Forest Preserves and the Prairie Research Institute met earlier this month to set the course for data consolidation, staff and public input, resource mapping and other initial steps. The plan will be completed by December 31, 2014. For more information as it becomes available, visit http://pdxs.com/natural-and-cultural-resources

## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

As our elected officials ponder the merits of pension reform legislation in Springfield, Illinois State Treasurer Dan Rutherford sent All Points the following commentary voicing his opinion on pending legislative action.

"I have taken due consideration over the long Thanksgiving weekend to evaluate the proposal for State Public Pension Reform. Having examined the information available, I do not support the current legislation. I do not believe it will withstand judicial review should it pass the Illinois General Assembly," said State Treasurer Dan Rutherford.

"Strong beliefs are held in this debate, but fundamental to our rule of law is our Constitution. Our government's obligation can be changed through a process involving adequate consideration to the employees. In my opinion, the legislation before us fails to address this relationship and offer adequate consideration in exchange for altering the pension benefits.

"I look forward to working with the General Assembly and interested parties for a fair Constitutional resolution to the biggest financial issue facing our state," concluded Treasurer Rutherford.

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Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle has announced her administration is establishing a new enforcement measure to go after businesses and individuals that avoid paying transfer taxes on real estate transactions by undervaluing the property they sell.

The County's Department of Revenue will audit real property transfer tax returns filed with the Recorder of Deeds to identify improper exemptions and determine whether individuals undervalue the sale of real estate in order to pay fewer taxes. Real property transfer tax exemptions are designed to give tax breaks on property used for charitable, religious or educational purposes. It also covers property that is part of a Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization and real estate transactions where the transfer price is less than $100.

The Real Property Transfer Tax is levied on all real estate sales in Cook County. The tax levy for Real Property Transfers in Cook County is $0.25 per $500 of the transfer price.

"This tax dodge is most commonly used on large commercial real estate deals when sellers claim unwarranted exemptions or misrepresent the value of their property or transfer price. That's not the way this was designed to work," President Preckwinkle said. "These tax exemptions are for benevolent organizations or people in financial difficulty. Yet, too many people take advantage of the system to avoid paying their fair share."

In large real estate transactions, sellers often fail to claim their mortgage payments as part of the total value of the property, claim an exemption and then intentionally neglect to remit the tax on that amount. The audits will reveal discrepancies and require sellers to pay in full. If unwarranted exemptions on the purchase of property are found, the County will require the seller to pay a penalty equal to the amount of the tax owed to the Recorder of Deeds and a $1,000 fine.

"I want to thank Recorder Karen Yarborough for her cooperation in advancing this policy," President Preckwinkle said. "This is a collaborative effort and her office is critical in ensuring its success."

The Department of Revenue will invest in additional resources to improve real estate data collection and enhance enforcement efforts. The audits are expected to generate $1 million in 2014 and increased revenue in successive years. The County anticipates roughly $16 million in real property transfer tax revenue in the FY 2014 budget.

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The South Side Irish Parade offers an unusual holiday gift suitable for every Irishman or favorite Irish "clan" on your list. Miniature versions of the Street Pole Banners proudly displayed along Western Avenue honoring the South Side Irish Parade during the parade will be available now through Dec. 19th.

The mini-banner is a great way to celebrate Irish heritage and show your support for the South Side Irish Parade. We've had numerous requests for the banners so this year, we decided to offer a special limited time opportunity to share a bit of the South Side Irish Saint Patrick's Day Parade this Christmas. Normally, the only way to obtain a mini-banner is to purchase a Street Pole Banner which are hung along the Western Avenue parade route during the month of March. This is a holiday special limited time opportunity for everyone who grew up on the South Side to bring home a piece of the parade for their families to enjoy year round," said Kevin Coakley, co-chair of the South Side Irish Parade Committee.

The unframed customized banners are 12" x 24" and feature the parade's logo and your choice of family name. Unframed banners cost $50 each. Framed banners are also available for $100. All orders must be placed prior to December 16, 2013 to ensure in-store pick up before December 21 or Christmas delivery. Shop online at www.southsideirishparade.org or at the South Side Irish Parade Store at 10934 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL open Wednesdays 12 noon to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The South Side Irish Parade is a 501c3 non profit and the proceeds from the sale of mini-banners help offset increased operational costs of producing the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Visit http://www.southsideirishparade.org for more information.

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Terrence J. McGuire kicked off his campaign for Cook County circuit court judge in the 3rd Judicial Sub Circuit with an outpouring of support from neighbors and friends at Bourbon Street in Merrionette Park. A Beverly resident, McGuire welcomed over 700 well-wishers to his inaugural party.

McGuire is a life-long resident of the South Side. He has a law practice in the Beverly neighborhood, focusing on estate planning, probate, and real estate transactions. Terry also serves as an Administrative Law Judge for Cook County and the City of Chicago. In that capacity, he has presided over the prosecution of thousands of cases involving municipal code violations, consumer fraud, environmental violations, and quasi-criminal activities.

Terry has volunteered as with Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, providing services to the working poor through the legal clinic. He has also continued to provide pro bono representation in his private practice as well, often to neighborhood people who need a helping hand in a tough time.

He has coached numerous local youths in a variety of local football, basketball, baseball and soccer teams. Terry and his wife, Maureen, have one son, a third grader at Christ the King.

# Family Caregiver Support Program

Increasing numbers in the aging population has led to an increased need for caregivers. The term "caregiver" refers to anyone who provides assistance to someone else who needs it. Through a caregiver, can be anyone, it could be a family member who steps in to provide extra support and attention for an elderly loved one. The typical family caregiver is a married woman who works outside the home and for nearly four years will spend an average 20 hours per week providing unpaid care to her parent.

Earlier this month, [illegible] Washington Post [illegible] Marc Jordan, of The Washington Post's Caregiving in America forum held in Chicago. Family caregivers help their loved ones with a broad range of activities which can be a critical component in providing long term care for older adults. Many older adults would face difficult consequences if their homes and communities without the support of their families and caregivers. But caregivers also need support of their own, juggling their own health and well-being at risk.

The state through the Department on Aging (IDoA) has set up more than 100 Caregiver Resource Centers to help family caregivers to receive support. Through its partnership with the 13 Area Agencies on Aging and local service providers, IDoA offers information, assistance, training, counseling and respite care through the Family Caregiver Support Program.

Family caregivers are the backbone of the long term care system, whose caregiving role can evolve over time. Often the family caregiver does not realize how complex their role is until they need a break. In observance of National Family Caregiver Month, we want to let them know there is help, said IDoA Director John R. Holton (Pictured).

Director Holton also urges families during the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday to pay extra attention to older relatives who may not ask for help, but may need assistance. Signs that indicate assistance may be needed:

- Decreased mobility, forgetfulness
- Neglected personal hygiene
- Change in appetite
- Unfilled and/or unopened medical prescriptions
- Lack of home maintenance
- Unusual display of unopened mail
- A loved one may be mishandling their finances, for example, not paying their bills or losing money.

For more information about the Illinois Family Caregiver Support Program, log on to the website [illegible] or call the Department on Aging Senior Helpline at 1-800-252-8966 or for TTY (hearing impaired use only) [illegible].

# *Picture Your 'Selfie' For The BAC Auction*

**Amplify the Arts, the Beverly Arts Center's annual benefit auction, will be held Saturday, Feb. 15th, but neighborhood business owners Katie Shickel (left) and Megan Barba (right) of Tranquility Salon and Ryan Steinbach of The Blossom Boys recently got into the fun of the BAC Auxiliary Auction committee's "selfie" campaign by snapping their own pictures in front of a trio of Amplify the Arts headphone posters. The hand-decorated posters are popping up in businesses throughout the area, and people are encouraged to stand in front of the posters -- centered between the headphones -- and take a selfie. Email your selfie, with the location of where you took it, to: Auxiliary@beverlyartcenter.org for a chance to win prizes that include Dr. Dre headphones, gift certificates from local businesses and tickets to the auction. You can submit as many selfies as you like, but each one must be from a different location. The BAC Auction raises funds for operating and special needs at the Beverly Arts Center. Proceeds from tickets sales for Amplify the Arts will be donated to the BAC Challenge. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.beverlyartcenter.org. Founded in 1968, the Beverly Arts Center is a not-for-profit that provides fine arts education and programming for all ages.**

# Charge Suburban Man With Cook County's First Labor Trafficking Case

State's Attorney Anita Alvarez announced that a Calumet City man has been charged with the county's first case of labor trafficking for threatening, beating, burning and torturing two mentally handicapped men while he exploited them for money and often denied them food for several months in an apartment on Chicago's South Side.

Roy Estevez, 26, has been charged with multiple Class X felony charges including one count of Aggravated Involuntary Servitude, one count of Involuntary Servitude and two counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault. Estevez is the first person charged with labor trafficking under the office's Human Trafficking Initiative enacted by the Alvarez administration in 2010.

According to prosecutors, beginning in August 2013, Estevez initially rented an apartment to the victims, age 22 and 23, in Chicago. The defendant coaxed the victims into turning over their entire paychecks to him directly. Estevez also forced the victims to take on second and third jobs and to work overtime. Estevez took all the money, and the victims did not get to keep any of the proceeds of their labor. Estevez also often denied the victims food and told them they should eat at work.

Prosecutors allege that when one of the victims lost one of his jobs, Estevez began torturing both victims by beating them and whipping them with electrical cords. Estevez also burned both victims on their faces and bodies with a hot knife, which he would heat over a flame. Additionally, the defendant would sometimes pour hydrogen peroxide over the open wounds, causing additional pain. Estevez also sexually assaulted one of the victims with a power drill.

The victims were afraid to leave because Estevez threatened to kill them and harm their families. He also told them that he was "mobbed-up" and had police officers on his payroll.

According to prosecutors, on Oct. 20th one of the victim's bosses observed visible injuries and the victim told him about the abuse. The victim was taken to the hospital and was treated for burns. The victim never returned to the apartment. However, the defendant tried to find him.

Estevez was arrested by Chicago Police on Nov. 17th. Estevez appeared in bond court on Nov. 19th where his bond was set at $500,000 by Judge James Brown. His next court date is Dec. 10th.

The public is reminded that criminal charging documents contain allegations that are not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the state has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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# *Fr. Don Doll To Speak At SXU's Winter Commencement*

**Saint Xavier University is pleased to announce that highly regarded documentary photographer Fr. Don Doll (pictured), S.J., will receive an honorary doctorate and deliver the commencement address at the University's 2013 Winter Commencement on Saturday, Dec. 14th. The ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Shannon Center at SXU's Chicago campus, 3700 W. 103rd St.**

**Fr. Doll is a Jesuit priest whose work has been featured in National Geographic and a number of the "Day in the Life of..." book series created by Rick Smolan. A two-year project titled "The Jesuits" has taken him around the world. One of his stories from this project, "Finding Ernesto," aired on ABC's Nightline with Ted Koppel in 1999. Doll has photographed for the Jesuit Refugee Service in Uganda, Southern Sudan, Burundi, Rwanda, the Congo, Chad, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East since 2005. His work can be seen online.**

**Doll was introduced to photography when he was assigned to the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota as a young Jesuit, where he also met the Lakota people. He has authored two books about Native Americans, titled "Crying for a Vision" and "Vision Quest: Men, Women and Sacred Sites of the Sioux Nation." A 224-page coffee table book with 188 photographs from Doll's fifty-year career titled "A Call to Vision: A Jesuit's Perspective on the World" also was published in 2012.**

**Fr. Doll received the prestigious Kodak Crystal Eagle Award for Impact in Photojournalism for his many years of work with Native Americans in 1997 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. He also received Nebraska's "Artist of the Year" award in 2006 at the Governor's Awards luncheon sponsored by the Nebraska Arts Council. He also received special recognition in the Nikon "World Understanding through Photography" Award in 1976, the Robin F. Garland Award in 1988, and first place for "Magazine Feature" in the 1988 Pictures of the Year.**

**Doll has lived and worked at Creighton University, in Omaha, Neb. since 1969, where he is a professor of journalism holding the Charles and Mary Heider Endowed Jesuit Chair.**

**The SXU Gallery will host an exhibit with Fr. Doll's photography titled "Finding and Serving God in All" from Dec. 2 to 14, and Jan. 13 to 17. The exhibit will include photos from Fr. Doll's time with the Jesuit Refugee Service. There also will be a reception that will include a presentation by Doll from 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12th in the SXU Gallery, which is located in the Warde Academic Center at SXU's Chicago campus. For more information about the art show, contact (773) 298-3081.**

**For more information about commencement, visit www.sxu.edu, keyword: commencement, or contact (773) 298-3067 or commencement@sxu.edu.**

# "Advent At The Abbey"

Benedictine University and St. Procopius Abbey invite the public to attend "Advent at the Abbey" from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14th.

Speakers will include Fr. Becket Franks, O.S.B. of St. Procopius Abbey and Christine M. Fletcher, Ph.D., associate professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at Benedictine University.

The schedule includes arrival and coffee, lauds, a morning prayer, readings, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, lunch in the monastic refectory, a reflection, and a closing prayer and blessing.

Space is limited to 60 participants. To reserve a place for the day and help the Abbey plan for catering, contact Fr. Becket at (630) 829-9258 or bfranks@procopius.org.

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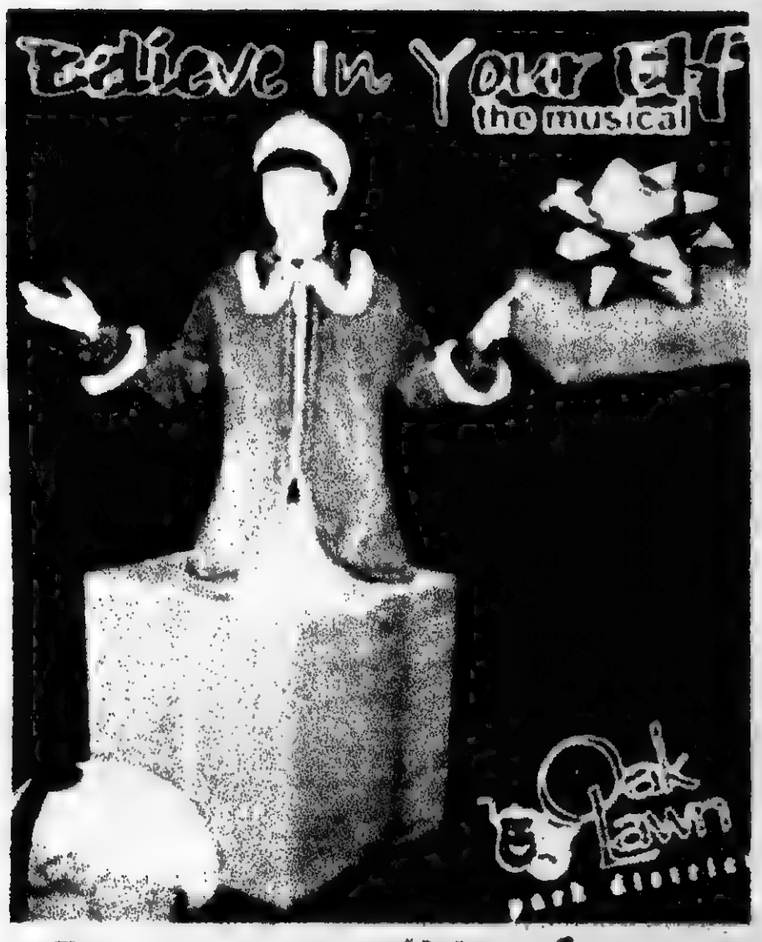


## Present "Believe In Your Elf"

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre production of "Believe in Your Elf" will be running at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., on Thursday, Dec. 12th, Friday, Dec. 13th Saturday, Dec. 14th, and Sunday, Dec. 15th at 8 p.m. Matinee performances will be on Saturday, Dec. 14th and Sunday, Dec. 15th at 3 p.m.

The story is set in the hectic few days before Christmas. As the hysterical elves and tap dancing reindeer rush to be ready for Santa's Christmas Eve flight, we hear the stories of three families who each have their struggles heading into Christmas, including one little girl whose father is off to war and her only wish is to see her daddy on Christmas. Santa does his best but needs the magic of one little elf named Eddy, who leaves "the shelf" and teaches us that there are no bounds to what we can give if we follow our hearts and just believe.

Tickets are $21 for adults and seniors and $17 for children, twelve and under. To purchase tickets or for more information, call (708) 857-2200.

## Rock, Holiday And Comedy On Stage

From Chicago Rock to a Christmas around the world show by Trans-Infinity Orchestra, rock, holiday and comedy are covered in the upcoming weeks at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago.

It's classic rock Chicago style when M&R Rush, one of the powerhouse bands from the Seventies, performs Friday, Dec. 6, at 8 p.m. In An Evening with M & R Rush (pictured), original band members Marty Mardirosian, Roger Hertz, Carl Moszur, John McFarland, Paul Martin and Jeff Luif bring to the stage their tight sounds, exceptional vocals and harmonies; and melodic orchestration of three guitars, keyboards, bass and drums. Seat and Charge open. Tickets: $12 ($10 BAC members).

Trans-Infinity Orchestra was created to be a holiday experience for all. Featuring the music of Trans Siberian Orchestra and telling the story of Christmas around the world, this fantastic all ages production even has an angelic choir and state-of-the-art light show, Saturday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. Snow machines and other surprises add to holiday fun. Tickets: $20 ($18 BAC members).

The Second City returns on Dec. 28, at 8 p.m., with their new "Nut-Cracking Holiday Revue." Nothing is sacred to this troupe of comedy improvisers who will be performing sketches, songs and skits that send up the craziness of the holiday season. $25 ($22 BAC members).

Tickets to all these shows can be purchased online at www.beverlyartscenter.org under "Main Stage," or over the phone at (773) 445-3838. New shows are added all the time, so check the website often! Don't forget the music lovers on your holiday list! BAC gift cards can be purchased in any amount and used for concert tickets.

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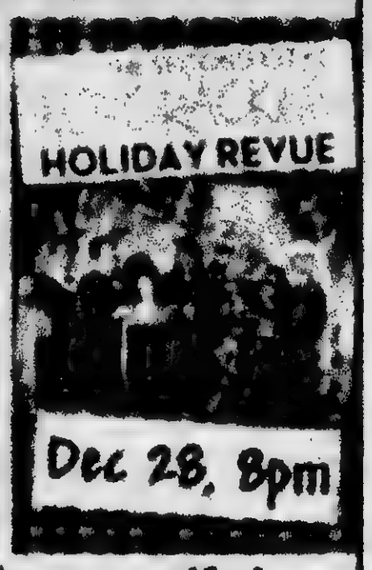


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Trivia Night Tickets Now On Sale

Tickets are now on sale for the Brother Rice Mighty Mudcats Club Trivia Night on Saturday, Jan. [illegible] Doors open at [illegible] p.m. Tickets are $[illegible] and the cost is $[illegible] per person. For more information, contact Peggy Gaughan at [illegible] or [illegible]@[illegible].com.

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# Health & Nutrition

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## LOW SUGAR HOLIDAY TREATS

For many people, the winter holidays are associated with sweet treats such as cookies, breads and cakes. For good nutrition everyone should eat these in moderation but particularly those with diabetes must be concerned. High blood sugar or glucose can be a negative outcome along with its unpleasant side effects. Instead of sugar you choose to bake with artificial sweeteners. In moderation they can be part of a balanced meal plan and help satisfy your taste for sweetness. The most commonly used non nutritive sweeteners are listed below and tips on using them in holiday recipes.

The FDA approves artificial sweeteners before country wide after they have been thoroughly tested. If approved, a sweetener receives the designation "generally regarded as safe," or GRAS. Over the years, there have been debates about their health benefits and side effects, and the discussions will continue. The FDA has determined safe consumption levels for the approved artificial sweeteners, known as the "acceptable daily intake" or the ADI level.

Below is information on using some of the most common non-nutritive sweeteners in home cooking.

***Aspartame*** Aspartame has approximately 200 times the sweetening power of sugar and is sold as NutraSweet and Equal. People with phenylketonuria (PKU) need to avoid this sweetener, because it contains components that are restricted in treating PKU. Aspartame is accepted as having good flavor and can be found in many sodas, juices, yogurts, and ice creams. One disadvantage of aspartame is that it is not very heat stable. It therefore is limited in baking. It is found in packets and as a granulated product for topping on desserts and in beverages such as coffee and tea.

***Acesulfame-K***. This is sold as Sunette and Sweet One. It has 200 times the sweetening power of sugar. It is heat stable for baking and is also used in cold products.

***Saccharin***. It has 300 times the sweetening power of sugar. Saccharin is sold as Sweet n Low, Sweet Twin and Sugar Twin. It is most popular as a tabletop sweetener for cereals and beverages, but is heat stable and quite often used in baking.

***Sucralose***. Sucralose has 600 times the sweetening power of sugar. It is sold in packs and in granulated and brown forms under the brand name Splenda. It can also be found in liquid form under the brand name I Sweetz. This sweetener has become popular with bakers as its granulated form mimics the volume of granulated sugar and is very heat stable.

***Stevia***. Stevia has 200 times the sweetening power of sugar and is sold under the brand names Sweet Leaf, Stevia in the Raw, Truvia and PureVia. It can be found in packet and granular forms as well as in baking blends.

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Here are some tips on using artificial sweeteners in baking:

As a general rule, one packet of non-nutritive artificial sweetener replaces 1 to 2 teaspoons of sugar. To substitute for larger amounts of sugar, check the packaging of the sweetener for guidance. Do not assume the same substitution works for all sweeteners.

Because sugar adds volume and tenderizes baked goods, try replacing half the sugar in a home recipe first. Sweetener manufacturers often provide charts and guidelines of use if you need them.

Sugar allows baked items to brown. If you are removing sugar content, you may want to sprinkle products with cinnamon before baking, or brush with egg white.

Store baked goods made with artificial sweeteners in an airtight container. Items made without sugar may stale more quickly.

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# The Hunting Game! Take Precautions

Someone wants their 15 minutes of fame tied to a hunting accident — like the one involving a former United States vice president and a Texas attorney while hunting quail. That accident occurred nearly seven years ago and has not ended from doctors. Or has it?

With hunting season here, you must take aim at the necessary precautions against the elements such as insects, sting out to minimize the risk of injury and illness to yourself, others and even to your hunting dog.

For example, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) warns hunters that their dogs can be exposed to serious diseases not only from infected animals, but from insect vectors and contaminated soil and water.

As a real hunter and owner of an animal that's a two-time national champion bird dog, Frank Vicari, M.D., chief of pediatric plastic surgery and craniofacial surgery at Advocate Children's Hospital, says safety is a number-one concern for him and his prize hunting dog.

"If you have a dog that hunts with you, you must check it extensively for ticks when coming in from the field," says Dr. Vicari. "Among other precautions, I always wear long sleeves and pants, clothing that protects my neck, and I use DEET (an insect repellant that provides protection) against mosquito, tick and flea bites, chiggers and other biting insects."

Oftentimes, the risks associated with of hunting and camping are not taken as seriously as they should be, but these dangers are real and can cause serious illnesses.

Stacy Carlson, now 46, was camping in the swing of hunting season when she noticed that she had developed a red bull's-eye rash. Headaches, joint pain and common flu-like symptoms later followed, but she dismissed them. She later learned that she had come in contact with a spirochete carried by blacklegged ticks, also known as deer ticks. Lyme disease is an infection caused by the spirochete tick.

"I felt dizzy for at least a week, but the rash subsided. Two weeks later, I went to see a doctor, who didn't find anything wrong with me," said Carlson. "Finally, I consulted a specialist after suffering from arthritis-like pain, headaches and joint pain for an extended period of time. A Lyme disease test was performed and it proved positive."

If left untreated, Lyme disease may eventually lead to arthritis, meningitis and facial paralysis or heart complications.

The AVMA has a few Common Sense Guidelines for Protecting Hunters from Risk:

Avoid hunting if you are feeling ill. People are more prone to disease if their immune systems are weakened by other illnesses or conditions.

Take precautions to minimize insect bites.

Do not handle or eat wild game or fowl that appear to be ill or were acting in an abnormal manner before they were killed.

Do not eat, drink or smoke while cleaning wild fowl or game.

Always protect your hands with gloves (heavy rubber, latex or nitrile) when field-dressing wild game or fowl.

Do not use the same utensils to clean different species.

# Earn 'Top Performer On Key Quality Measures'

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers has been named one of the nation's *Top Performers on Key Quality Measures®* by The Joint Commission during the 2012 calendar year. The Joint Commission accreditation and certification is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to meeting certain performance standards.

The Joint Commission's hospital standards address important functions relating to the care of patients and the management of hospitals. Little Company of Mary was recognized for its achievement on the following measure sets: Heart Attack, Heart Failure, Pneumonia, Surgical Care and Children's Asthma. To be named a *Top Performers on Key Quality Measures®*, hospitals must achieve cumulative performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures, achieve performance of 95 percent or above on each and every reported accountability measure where there are at least 30 denominator cases and have at least one core measure set that has a composite rate of 95 percent or above. Little Company of Mary Hospital is one of 35 hospitals in Illinois named a *Top Performer on Key Quality Measures®*.

Little Company of Mary has a rich history of providing the community with nationally recognized, high-quality care. The new state-of-the-art West Pavilion patient tower allows the hospital to focus on its family-centered model and continue with their mission to care and provide the latest technology to heal. For more information about Little Company of Mary, visit our website at www.lcmh.org.

# Compassion In Action Dinner

On Nov. 16th, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago South Region hosted the Tenth Annual "Compassion in Action" Dinner. The event, held at the historic Olympia Fields Country Club, benefitted Emergency Assistance Programs. The event was attended by 257 guests. The Compassion in Action Award was presented to Bishop Joseph N. Perry, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Chicago, Episcopal Vicar-Vicariate VI. The Bertrand W. Ellis Award was awarded posthumously to Board Member Cherise Mayberry-Miles and Frederick S. Shannon, Director of Catholic Charities South Regional Services.

The event raised more than $15,000 that will directly support the Emergency Assistance Programs in the South Region. This past year, 18,000 persons received groceries from the Catholic Charities food pantry and 5,000 meals were served at the Monday evening supper program. Another 1,800 families utilized the clothing bank, while more than 11,000 individuals received assistance with rent, utilities and shelter as they struggled for to meet their basic needs.

# Knowing Your Risks Today Can Lead To A Healthier Tomorrow

As many families gathered for Thanksgiving, the conversation often drifted toward talking about traits and characteristics that run in their family, such as eye and hair color. This year many families also talked about health conditions that run in the family.

"Diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and cancer can run in families," said Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. LaMar. "While you can't change your family health history, you can take steps to reduce your disease risk. Knowing your family health history can help you and your health care provider predict your risk for health problems and identify screening and treatment options. It is also a good time to talk with your family about health insurance and coverage of many inherited health conditions under the Affordable Care Act."

Under the Affordable Care Act (visit www.GetCoveredIllinois.gov), many preventive screenings will be covered, allowing health care providers to diagnose health problems in the early stages when they are easier to treat.

Topics you can ask your closest family members about (those related by blood) include:

Birth defects and childhood health problems

Any common adult diseases (heart disease, diabetes, stroke, cancer, arthritis)

Age at death

Cause of death

For more information about sharing family health history, go to http://www.idph.state.il.us/HealthWellness/family_history.htm. Another resource is the Surgeon General's My Family Health Portrait, a free and easy way to record family health information that can be shared with family members and health care professionals.

Encouraging families to learn their health aligns the Illinois Department of Public Health with its strategic plan to become the state's public health authority, a place where Illinoisans can turn for health information and education. For a copy of the strategic plan, go to http://www.idph.state.il.us/about/StrategicPlan_Final_2014-2018.pdf

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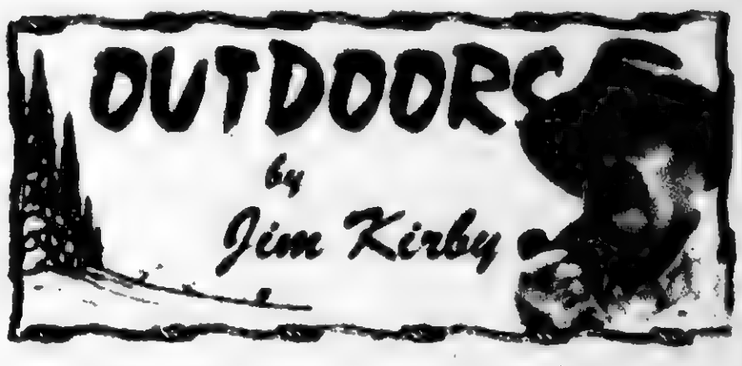


■**DEER SEASON:** After a very disappointing first season, in which the harvest was down 23% [illegible] today is the opening of the second season that runs through Sunday, Dec. 8. During the first firearm deer season, 88,[illegible] deer were taken, compared with 72,[illegible] last year. The IDNR has issued more than 320,000 firearm deer hunting permits so far this year. For information on how to use the permits, or to see what regulations are changing, visit [illegible]

■**LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE:** [illegible] Hunters, bowhunters, anglers, trappers, mushroom pickers, birders and bicyclists are [illegible] Bicyclists alone have a long [illegible] season that will be packed [illegible] go through the ice and dress for the occasion.

■**WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS: NUMBERS ON THE RISE:** The traditional image of men escaping for the weekend to experience the thrill and challenge of outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing and shooting may be as antiquated as the gender makeup in the boardroom in scenes from Television's Mad Men. Annie [illegible] seems, has definitely got her gun, hunting license and fishing rod and reel. In fact, according to **Women in the Outdoors in 2012**, an in-depth report on women's participation in outdoor recreation compiled by Southwick Associates, women now make up more than a quarter of all anglers and represent the fastest growing segment within the hunting and shooting communities making up as much as nearly 11 percent of all hunters.

"Many people may be surprised to learn the traditional view of the outdoors persona is changing, but to anybody who hunts, fishes and shoots, the presence of women on the water, in the woods and at the range is anything but new and certainly not surprising," says Rob Southwick, president of Southwick Associates. *(Great Lakes Basin Report)*

■**COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE EVENTS:** ***Dec. 8** – "Christmas Past," 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland. Visit our pioneer cabins as we celebrate this joyous time of the year with homemade toys, chestnuts roasting and popcorn popping in an open fire. ***Dec. 13** – "Candle Lantern Hike," 7 p.m. Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland. Walk the trails with us by candlelight. We will search the night for owls and enjoy whatever nature has to offer. Register by Dec. 11. ***Dec. 28** – "Photo Meet-up," 10 a.m. Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont. A series for photographers of all skill levels! Our naturalist will lead a tour, capture images and share tips. RSVP to 630-257-2045. ***Dec. 30 & 31, Jan. 2** – 9:30 a.m.-noon, "Winter Adventure Camp," Little Red Schoolhouse, Willow Springs. Ring in the New Year with a three-day winter adventure! Tromp the woods with naturalists in search of winter wildlife. Warm up inside with activities and experiments. Ages 8-10. Registration required. $80 per child.

■**TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD RECORD WHITETAIL BUCK:** It's been twenty years since Saskatchewan hunter **Milo Hanson** bagged the world's largest typical whitetail buck. On Nov. 25, 1993, the grain and cattle farmer had the good fortune of hunting his own property. Snow had just fallen the night before and Hanson heard from his neighbors that a gigantic buck had taken shelter in a stand of willow trees around his property.

Along with his neighbor and friends, Hanson was soon tracking the largest deer any of them had ever seen. The buck ran flat out about 150 yards from Hanson, who missed with his first shot, but later downed the buck with his .308 Winchester Model 88. Two months later, in January 1994, a Boone and Crockett panel confirmed the buck's score: 213-4/8 – all in front of a crowd of 400 people. At the 22nd Big Game Awards, the buck's score was again revised to 213-6/8 before it was declared the world record. It is a title Hanson's deer continues to hold onto after more than 20 years. (Daniel Xu for *Outdoor Hub*)

■**APPROVAL OF HUNTING, HIGHEST SINCE 1995:** A recently released nationwide scientific survey by Responsive Management shows that 74% of Americans 18 years old and older approve of hunting, up five percentage points from 74% in 2011. This marks the highest level of support for hunting since 1995, according to Responsive Management. With the increased number of hunters in the field and sport shooters at the range, it is possible that this increase is being reflected in support of hunting.

Overall, the most recent study found that more than half of Americans (52%) strongly or moderately approve. At the other end of the spectrum, 12% disapprove of hunting. Another 9% gave a neutral answer. Since 2006, hunting public participation has increased by 9% according to the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2011). Meanwhile, shooting participation has increased by 18% since 2009.

■**THINK ABOUT IT:** Did you ever notice that when you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "THEIRS"?

**E-Mail Jim Kirby:** *kirbyoutdoors@sbcglobal.net*

# Marist Senior Receives Game Day Jersey

**Marist High School senior Nic Weishar was selected as a U.S. Army All-American, and received his game day jersey during an official ceremony at the school. Representatives from the U.S. Army All-American Bowl were on hand to present the jersey. Weishar (Midlothian) is one of only 90 student-athletes in the country to get an invitation. The game will take place on Saturday, Jan. 4th, at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. The annual East vs. West match-up will be televised live on NBC at 12 p.m. CST.**

**Pictured are U.S. Army All American representatives Cadet Anderson (from left), Second Lieutenant Davey, Marist senior Nic Weishar, and Staff Sergeant Lidstone.**

# Be Alert For Wildlife On Illinois Roads

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) announced that fatal crashes, injuries and the number of motorists killed in crashes involving deer declined in 2012. IDOT and IDNR also reminded motorists to once again be alert for deer along roadways during one of the most active periods of the year for wildlife activity.

The top 10 counties for collisions involving deer in 2012 were:

1. Cook – 460, 2. Madison – 456, 3. Peoria – 432, 4. Will – 370, 5. Fulton – 368, 6. Sangamon – 335, 7. Lake – 333, 8. Pike – 288, 9. McHenry – 279, 10. Kane – 276.

Suggestions for motorists to avoid colliding with deer include:

- Be particularly cautious at dusk and dawn, when deer are most active.
- Keep track of locations where deer have been spotted in the past to avoid being surprised.
- Reduce speed and be prepared to stop, especially near water, farm fields and wooded areas.
- Deer will cross the road and double back. Make sure deer have moved away before proceeding.
- Be mindful that deer will follow each other. One deer can mean others are nearby or close behind.
- Avoid swerving into traffic or off the road if deer are on the roadway. Instead, slow to a stop and wait for the deer to move along.
- Flashing the headlights and honking the car horn will encourage deer to move off the road.
- Alert other motorists to the presence of deer by tapping the brakes.

If a motor vehicle crash involving a deer does occur, drivers and passengers should provide assistance to anyone injured. Contact local, county or state law enforcement to report the incident. Do not attempt to remove a dead or injured deer from the roadway. Illinois law requires that all crashes resulting in damage of at least $1,500 to be reported to police.

An Illinois resident and driver of a motor vehicle involved in a vehicle-deer collision has priority in legally possessing white-tailed deer killed or injured as a result of a collision with the vehicle. If the driver does not take possession of the deer before leaving the collision scene, any citizen of Illinois who is not delinquent in child support may possess and transport the deer.

Non-residents may not claim a road-killed deer. Individuals claiming such a deer must report the possession within 24 hours at www.dnr.illinois.gov. Individuals without Internet access can report such possession by calling (217) 782-6431 before 4:30 p.m. the next business day. If any part of the deer is going to be taken to a taxidermist or tannery, the person making the online or phone report is required to request a tag at the time of report.

# Holiday Basketball And Baseball Camps

The South Suburban College Basketball and Baseball Programs will return two Holiday Camps to SSC's Main Campus in South Holland just before the New Year.

First, Head Baseball Coach Steve Ruzich will be directing a two-day Catching Camp on Thursday, Dec. 26th and Friday, Dec. 27th from 1 – 4 p.m. Coach Ruzich has directed youth camps for the past 28 years and has taught baseball skills at many other baseball camps throughout the state. This clinic will provide catching instruction in the areas of blocking, calling a game, pick offs, pop throwing, footwork, stance and footwork drills for practice, pop ups, handling pitchers, and conditioning. In addition to Ruzich's instruction, Bulldog baseball players will be on hand to help and develop skills. The Catching Camp is open to ages 8-18. All players should bring their glove and gear. All participants should wear baseball or sweat pants and gym shoes, and boys must wear cups. The cost of the Catching Camp is $100, and checks should be made payable to SSC Bulldog Baseball.

Men's Basketball Team will host their 8th annual Holiday Basketball Camp for boys and girls ages 7 to 17. Campers will learn from the highly experienced staff of the SSC Men's Basketball Team and current Bulldog players. The two-day camp will take place on Monday, Dec. 30th and Tuesday, Dec. 31st from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the SSC Fitness Center. The cost of the camp is $65 per camper. Pizza, snacks, and refreshments will be on hand for lunch.

Enrollment is limited for both camps, so early registration is suggested. South Suburban College is located at 15800 South State Street in South Holland. For more Catching Camp information, contact Coach Ruzich at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2413. For more Basketball Camp information or for a complete schedule of games, call Coach Pigatti at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2524.

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# Catholic Charities After Supper Visions Program

Local Chicago artists Lee Pre and George Berlin took a blank canvas "a car" and turned them into work of art through the global car sharing company Zipcar and not-for-profit Chicago Loop Alliance. Now through Dec. 22nd Catholic Charities after Supper Visions Program will be granted $1 for every hour the "art cars" are driven by customers. All proceeds go directly to the Catholic Charities after Supper Visions Photography Program, which encourages participants who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to express creativity and individuality through their art.

Zipcar Inc. and Chicago Loop Alliance launched their "Darling Local Art" campaign last October to create pop-up art cars of Zipcars. The cars have been featured at various festivals and events throughout the city to promote the power of art. [illegible] Zipcar [illegible] at [illegible]

The decade-old After Supper Visions photography program has grown to feature the work of dozens of artists every year and builds a support system for the homeless or people at risk of homelessness. Tuesday Night Supper guests are given a disposable camera and offered a photography class through Catholic Charities. They are then encouraged to take photographs of the city from their point of view.

Prints sold through the After Supper Visions program direct to support the artists and provide them with funds to help them rent apartments, pay utility bills, purchase food and clothing or continue pursuing their photography interest.

Over the past ten years, some artists have earned enough from the sale of their artwork to make security deposits on apartments, pay tuition at community colleges, buy a new camera or computer, and become employed as photographers," said Monsignor Michael M. Boland, President of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Each Tuesday evening, Catholic Charities and volunteers provide a warm, friendly environment and sit-down dinner which feeds more than 150 homeless people.

For information about Catholic Charities' After Supper Visions Program and other programs that help the homeless visit *afterspprvisions.com* or *catholicharities.net*


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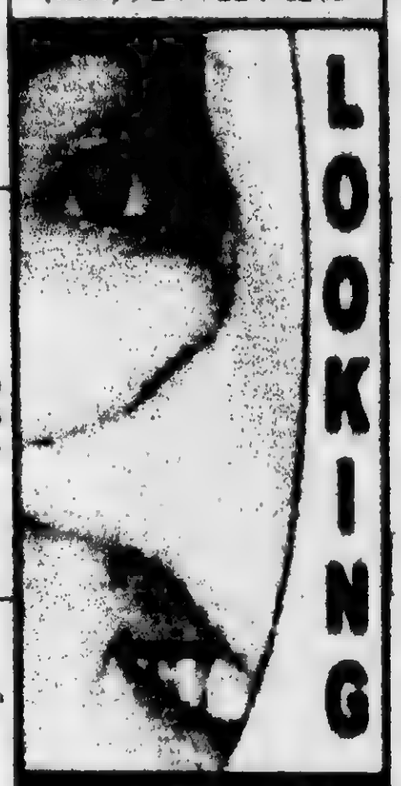


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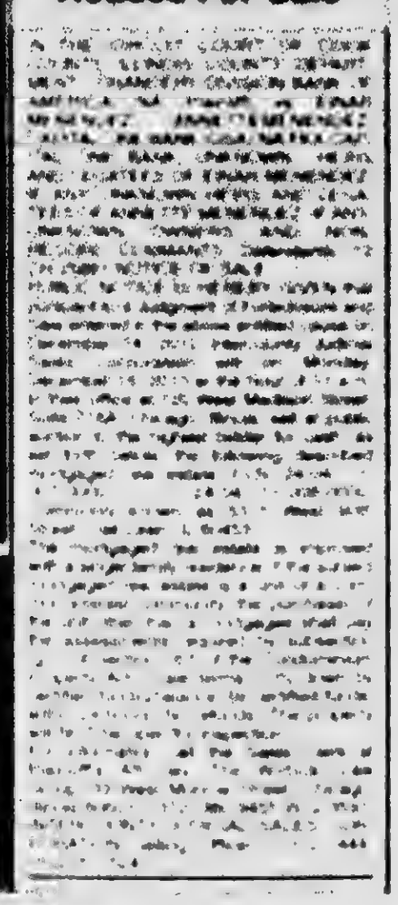

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# McGuire Kicks Off Campaign For Judge In The 3rd Subcircuit

Terrence J. McGuire (pictured) of Beverly recently kicked off his campaign for Cook County circuit court judge at Bourbon Street in Merrionette Park. A packed crowd of over 700 area residents and elected officials were on hand to support his candidacy. "The energy and enthusiasm of the crowd were amazing," said McGuire. "It tells me that the legal experience and community involvement I bring to the table resonates with the voters."

McGuire is a life-long resident of the South Side. He has a law practice in the Beverly neighborhood, focusing on estate planning, probate, and real estate transactions. Terry also serves as an Administrative Law Judge for Cook County and the City of Chicago. In that capacity, he has presided over the prosecution of thousands of cases involving municipal code violations, consumer fraud, environmental violations, and quasi-criminal activities.

Terry has volunteered as with Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, providing services to the working poor through the legal clinic. He has also continued to provide pro bono representation in his private practice as well, often to neighborhood people who need a helping hand in a tough time.

Terry has coached many local youngsters in the Dart Dowling Flag Football League, AYSO soccer, Beverly Athletic Club baseball and basketball through St. Barnabas, Christ the King, Southwest School and the South Cook Jaguars. Terry and his wife, Maureen, are active in Christ the King parish, where their son attends 3d grade.

Terrence J. McGuire is running for judge in the 3rd subcircuit, which includes Beverly, Mount Greenwood, Evergreen Park, Hometown, Oak Lawn, Burbank, Blue Island, Alsip and Summit as well as parts of Chicago's 13th, 14th, 17th, and 18th. The election is Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

# Public Service Award Presented To Spyropoulos

Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos, Chairman of Finance at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, was awarded the prestigious Public Service Award by the Arab American Association of Engineers & Architects (AAAEA) at their annual awards dinner in Oak Brook. Commissioner Spyropoulos was presented with the plaque honoring her hard work and continued commitment to civic engagement.

The President of AAAEA's Illinois chapter, Mr. Anas Alkhatib, said "We were excited to have Commissioner Spyropoulos at our annual dinner because she is dedicated and very well respected among her peers.

Commissioner Spyropoulos presented to the group on the history of MWRD, as well as the important work it does, including water treatment, stormwater management and contract opportunities. During her presentation she described various photos and drawings such as the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant and a water crib from 1867. She also discussed the evolution of sewers, and the process and reasoning behind MWRD's reversal of the Chicago River in 1900, which was considered one of the greatest achievements in engineering history.

Pictured are Commissioner Mariyana Spyropoulos and Anas Alkhatib.

# VFW Auxiliary Ladies Christmas Party

Johnson-Phelps VFW Ladies Auxiliary #5220 will be hosting their annual Ladies Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 17th at the post home, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. in Oak Lawn, from 6 till 10 p.m.

There will be cocktails (cash bar) from 6 to 7 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. There will be entertainment, bingo and raffles. The cost is $16 per person.

Enjoy a "ladies night" out while you support the Auxiliary's veteran and community programs.

For additional information and tickets, call (708) 423-5220.

# Oak Lawn Senior Center Announces New Free Programs

**Memory Lane**

Memory Lane is a group where members will share experiences from their life. Members have the option to record their memories through writing or to just talk about their memories. Group facilitators will help members create written memoirs if requested. This is not an intensive writing group. This is a group to explore experiences from the past and present. Sharing is meant to be reflective and enjoyable. The group meets on Mondays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. (Group does not meet the 3rd Monday of the month.)

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**Healthy Lifestyles Group**

Healthy Lifestyles Group will meet monthly. Members will gain an understanding of the importance of achieving and maintaining good health. The group will provide an opportunity for members to learn and practice new skills. Each group will include a healthy recipe exchange and a healthy snack. Monthly topics can include and are not limited to: stress management, sleep hygiene, weight management, and women's and men's health concerns. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

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**Computer Tutoring**

Individual sessions to learn basic computer skills are now available at the Oak Lawn Senior Center. Examples of skills include and are not limited to: word processing, email set-up, facebook, twitter and other social media, browsing the internet, etc. If you have a specific, basic, computer-related task you would like to learn, call us to see if it is something we can help you with. All tutoring sessions are by appointment. Call to set up an appointment with Cara or Jennifer.

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For more information, call the Oak Lawn Senior Center (708-499-0240) and ask for Cara or Jennifer. If you have any questions about these new programs, call or come to the Senior Center at 5220 W. 105th St. All groups are free.

# Oak Lawn Chamber Holiday Luncheon

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will meet for its annual Holiday luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 10th at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. Networking and registration begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. Chamber members and residents are welcome to attend.

In the spirit of the Holiday Season the Oak Lawn Chamber is sponsoring a food drive again this year. Donations will benefit the Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ food pantry. Bring your donations to the Chamber office located at 5120 Museum Dr. (inside the Metra train station) or to our holiday luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 10th at the Hilton Oak Lawn.

Entertainment during the luncheon will be provided by the Oak Lawn Community High School Chorus, under the direction of Meredith McGuire.

The luncheon costs $20 per person, payable at the door by cash, check, Visa MasterCard Discover.

To make a luncheon reservation, or for more information, call 708-424-8300 or send an email to office@oaklawnchamber.com

# OAK LAWN POLICE CALLS

On Nov. 17, Lee Roy Acosta of Chicago Ridge was arrested for two counts of obstructing a police officer and one count of pedestrian under the influence of alcohol after police said he charged at officers investigating an unrelated car accident in the 10900 block of Cicero. He was walking near the scene of the accident screaming at a women with him.

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On Nov. 18, Jony Amos Grace of Alsip was arrest for three felony counts of burglary. He was found dressed in black with a ski mask and riding a bike in the 10900 block of South Lawler. Police say he admitted taking the bike from a garage on the same block. He had in his pocket a credit card, flashlight, a Christmas ornament, two packs of cigarettes and other items taken from a car on the same block.

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On Nov. 19, Joshua B. White of Chicago and Nickalus A. Scarborough also of Chicago were arrested after police found one of the suspects trying to open a car door in the 5100 block of W. 90th Street. Police said that both suspects were carrying back packs full of stolen property. White was charged with felony burglary from a motor vehicle, possession of stolen property, criminal trespass and obstructing identification and obstruction justice. Scarborough was charged with criminal trespassing to a motor vehicle.

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On Nov. 20, Rigoberto Iniguez of Chicago was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding and disobeying a traffic signal after a traffic stop in the 9900 block of Brandt Ave. Police said he was doing 45 mph in a 30 mph zone.

# "From Our Music Family To Yours"

**Music touches the soul and heals the spirit...Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School wants to help heal the spirit of those music students in Washington, Illinois. The OLHMS music department and Band Parents Association is collecting funds for those affected by the recent tornadoes.**

**The destruction in Washington, Illinois obviously left many families with very little, including their music students' instruments and music supplies. "As a band teacher, I can't imagine how difficult that must be, on top of everything else the families are dealing with," expresses Mrs. Beth Lyons, OLHMS Band Director and former Washington, Illinois Summer Band Teacher.**

**"I think we could certainly make a difference and help our students learn about reaching out to their long-distance band family." Mrs. Lyons has contacted both the Illinois Music Education Association and the Washington High School Band Boosters about setting up a program to accept monetary donations to help with replacing instruments, music, and supplies.**

**The fundraiser is in conjunction with the upcoming winter concerts. The Beginning Band Concert is Dec. 3rd, OLHMS Winter Band Concert is Dec. 13th, and OLHMS Choral Concert is Dec. 17th. All concerts are scheduled for 7 pm.**

**Checks can be made payable to WCHS Band Boosters.**

**"We hope you can make the performances and we thank you for your support," said Mrs. Lyons.**

**Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School is located at 5345 W. 99th Street, Oak Lawn.**

## Christmas Music Service

Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ in Oak Lawn will present a service of Christmas music on Sunday, Dec. 8th at 9:30 a.m. The Pilgrim Faith Vocal Ensemble, the Harmony Guys, the Youth Bell Choir and the Women's Ensemble will provide music for the service under the direction of Ellen Pearson. The public is invited.

Pilgrim Faith is at 9411 S. 51st Ave. and is handicapped accessible.

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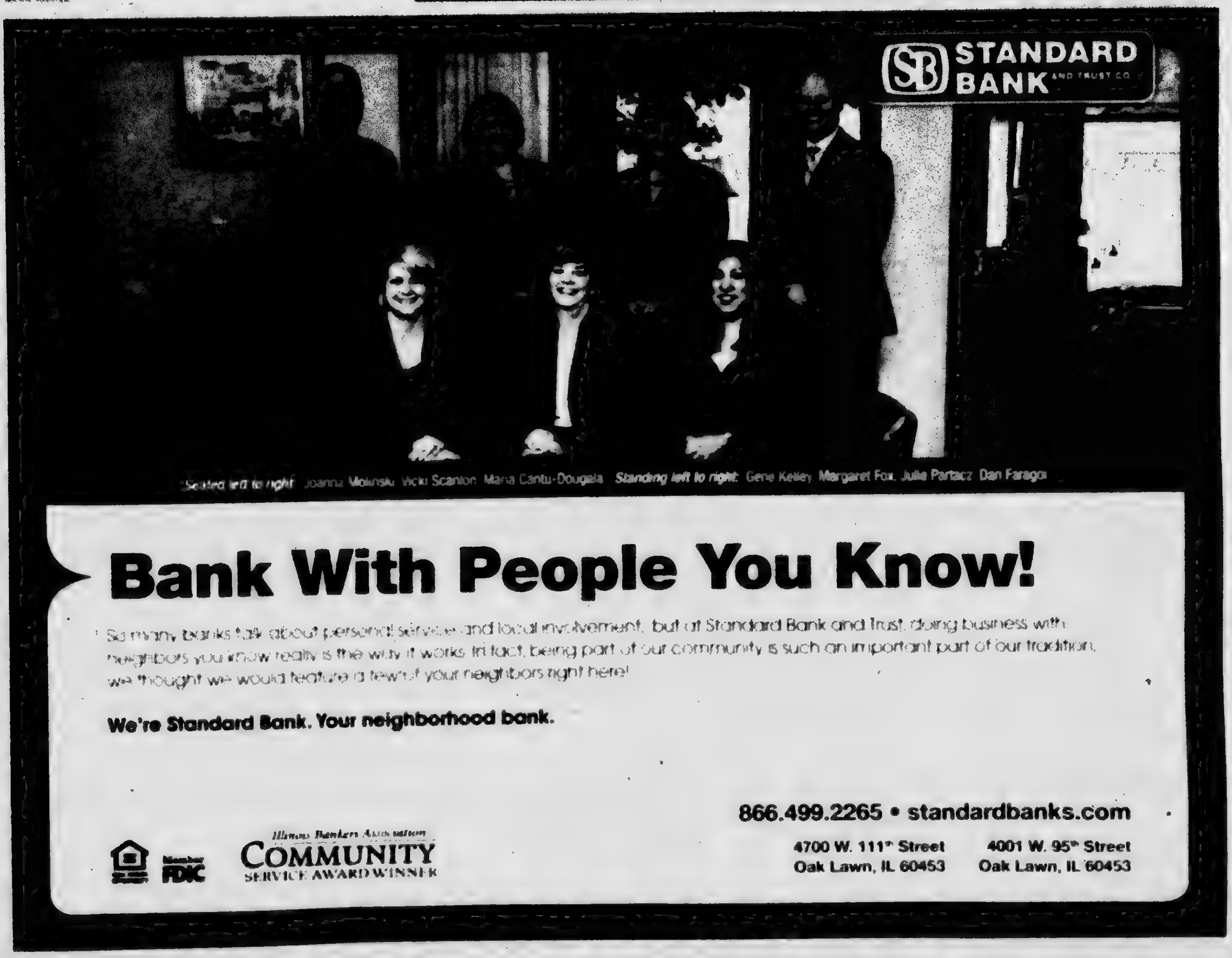


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# *Boy Scout Troop 383 Collects Toys For Washington, IL Children*

Orland Park Boy Scout Troop 383 collected 10 cases of paper products, toiletries, non-perishable food items and gift cards for the Nov. 17th tornado victims at its Nov. 23rd pancake breakfast. The troop is now focusing on the children of Washington, Illinois, wanting to make their Christmases a little brighter.

"A lot of people brought things to the pancake breakfast and we took everything that we collected to the Orland Park Lions Club trailer that went to where the tornadoes hit," said Senior Patrol Leader Tim Klotz. "When we were talking about what we collected, someone asked about the kids and what they're getting for Christmas. That's how we decided to collect new toys," he said.

The troop will collect new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages on Saturday, Dec. 14th from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Orland Park Veterans Center, the George Brown Commons, at 15045 West Ave.

"We want to help the kids," said Patrol Leader Jake Monnett. "They lost everything. Their houses are gone and all of their toys. They have to celebrate Christmas somewhere else. We want to try to make them a little happier," he said.

The troop is collecting with the help of its charter organization, the Village of Orland Park Veterans Commission and Modern Arms Academy at 15253 West 143rd Street in Homer Glen.

"Mr. Ken Smith at Modern Arms Academy is accepting donations to go to Washington at his academy and he's willing to deliver what we collect," Klotz said.

West Avenue is four blocks west of LaGrange Road and the Veterans Center is just north of 151st Street and West Avenue.

"We're chartered by the Veterans Commission and they're letting us use their building to collect the toys," said Mitchell Kramer, the troop's quartermaster. "And, Mr. Smith is going to take what we collect to Washington, which is sweet," he said.

The national award winning Troop 383 was formed in December, 2010 and is within the Nishnabec District of the Calumet Council of Boy Scouts. Further information about the troop is available by sending an email to orlandtroop383@gmail.com.

Bob Burns, Chris Pearson, Mitchell Kramer, Tim Klotz and JT Jakstavich, of Orland Park Boy Scout Troop 383, pack boxes of items donated for tornado victims at the troop's pancake breakfast.

## Switch To Neighborhood Banking Day

Marquette Bank will host a Switch to Neighborhood Banking Day on Saturday, Dec. 21st at all bank locations. Neighbors are encouraged to join the movement and help strengthen the local economy by switching to a local bank. Stop by any Marquette Bank location for new customer specials and free credit history reports.

For more information, visit www.cmarquettebank.com or call 1-888-254-9500.

## *Children's Vaccinations Available To The Underinsured*

Orland Township, 14807 S. Ravinia Avenue, has recently gained approval from the Illinois Department of Public Health to provide immunizations to local underinsured children at its monthly immunization clinic. Vaccines are available to children 18 and under who are either uninsured/ under-insured. Medicaid eligible (includes All Kids) Native American or Alaskan Native. Underinsured means that the child has health insurance but it does not cover any vaccines, certain vaccines, or it has a fixed dollar limit or cap for vaccines, and once that cap is reached a child is ineligible. With valid proof of Orland Township residency, vaccines are free of charge. For children residing outside of the township's boundaries, a $20 administration fee per vaccine will be collected. An up-to-date shot record is mandatory to receive any vaccine, and children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Adult vaccines are offered to Orland Township residents only and are available at a discounted rate. Proof of residency is required. For information or for upcoming immunization clinic dates, call (708) 403-4222 or visit www.orlandtwp.org.

# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Catherine M. Baron**

Mass was said at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, on Saturday, with entombment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Catherine M. "Kay" Baron. She was the wife of the late Joseph.

She is survived by her children Carole "Susie" McKee, Judy (Dennis) Twomey and Cathy (Ron) Leahy and seven grandchildren.

**James I. Blazina**

Services were held at the Healy Oak Funeral Home, Tinley Park, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for James I. Blazina, [illegible] of Oak Lawn. He was a 1961 graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

He is survived by many nieces and nephews.

**Rev. Patrick J. Brennan STL, D.**

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, on Thursday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for the Rev. Patrick J. Brennan, Min. Psy.D. His assignments included Associate pastor at St. Hubert, Hoffman Estates, St. Albert the Great, Burbank, St. Michael, Orland Park, St. Julie Billiart, Tinley Park, Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Inverness, Sacramental Minister at St. Thomas the Apostle, Naperville. He was Director of Mission Integration and Pastoral Care, The Clare at Water Tower and Host of Horizons Radio Ministry, Director for Office for Catholic Evangelization, and Director of Development, Mayslake Ministries.

He is survived by his brother William (Kathleen), his nieces Heather and Kate and his cousins Paul Belsky and Sharon Albrecht.

**Marjorie A. Christensen**

Services were held in Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Oak Hill Cemetery, for Marjorie A. Christensen, 75.

She is survived by her husband Conrad W., her children Beth (Jerry) Cruz, John (Beth) Christensen and Karen (Michael) Zielinski, six grandchildren and her brother Thomas (Christine) Harmsen.

**Loretta A. Golaszewski**

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Monday, with a private interment, for Loretta A. Golaszewski, 76.

There were no immediate survivors.

**Eleanore Therese Grella**

Mass was said at St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for Eleanore Therese Grella, 95. She was the wife of the late John Edward.

She is survived by her children Alexandra, Grant, Camille, Pamela and Karl, her brother Raymond Marshall, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Alexander E. Hajne Jr.**

Services were held at the Andrew J. McGann and Son Funeral Home, Chicago, on Saturday with entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Alexander E. Hajne, Jr., 58. He was a graduate of Marist High School and Joliet Barber School. He was the owner of Alex's Long and Short of It.

He is survived by his partner G. Buddy Bowen and his sister Nancy Hajne.

**Gabriel T. Horowitz**

Services were held at the Blake Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for Gabriel T. Horowitz.

He is survived by his parents Walter and Melissa, his brothers Jeremy and Brian and his sisters Alexandra and Elissa and his grandparents Richard and Leona Horowitz and Phyllis and Stanley Broad.

**Joyce E. Ishler**

Services were held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Oak Forest, on Wednesday, with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for Joyce E. Ishler, 72, of Oak Forest. She was the wife of the late Wayne I.

She is survived by her children Troy (Karen), Tracy (Michael) Stephens and Tim (Cynzia), six grandchildren, her brothers Robert Jr., Kenneth and John (Cathy) Gill and her sisters Darlene Watkins and Carol Goodman.

**Donald F. Kupiec**

Mass was said at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, on Monday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for Donald F. Kupiec, 81. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was the husband of the late Laverne M. "Bernie."

He has no immediate survivors.

**Kathryn Kay Lewandowski**

Mass was said at St. Michael Church, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Kathryn Kay Lewandowski, 80, of Palos Heights.

She is survived by her husband Donald F., her children Donald (Annette), Christine (Richard) Daignault, David (Dom) and Laura (Jeff) Feuchtinger, fourteen grandchildren, and her brother Adrienne (Honey) Durnin.

**Jean Marie Parnau**

Services were held at the Heartland Memorial Center, Tinley Park, on Wednesday, for Jean Marie Parnau, 82, of Homewood and Tinley Park. She was the wife of her first husband, the late Norman Barr. She was a retired RN working at Billings, St. Francis and Olympia Fields Osteopathic hospitals. She was a member of the Altar Guild at Faith Lutheran Church in Homewood.

She is survived by her husband Richard, her children Diane (Bob) Statler, Norman (Pattie) Barr, David Barr, and many grand and great-grandchildren and her sister Josie Siminski.

**James C. Rauch**

Services were held at the Krueger Funeral Home, Blue Island with interment at Chapel Hill Gardens South Cemetery, for James C. Rauch, 67, of Surprise, AZ, formerly of Blue Island. He was an alderman of Blue Island from 1981 to 1997 and a retired employee of Ameritech after 31 years of service.

He is survived by his wife Linda, his daughter Kimberly Campagna and two grandchildren.

**Rita F. Szum**

Mass was said at Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, Homer Glen, on Wednesday, with interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Rita F. Szum.

She is survived by her husband Fred, her children Tom (Kristi), Katie (Daniel) Caldera and Peggy (Bill) Egner, six grandchildren, and her brothers Father Joseph Lynch and Jack (Louise) Lynch.

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# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Air Force Airman Anthony J. McMillan graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. McMillan is the son of Latina McMillan of Harvey. He is a 2010 graduate of Chicago High School for Agricultural and Sciences.

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On Sept. 11th of 2012 the Illinois Star Warriors Program was launched to thank Veterans and the Military for their service to our country. They assemble "Stars of Appreciation" to be distributed to veterans and all branches of the military.

The star is removed from an American flag that is tattered, torn and ready to be retired. They include a sentiment with it and place it in a protective bag and distribute the "Stars of Appreciation" to veterans and military personnel thanking them for their proud and honorable service to our country. The remnants of the flags then go to the Illinois Crematorium Society to be buried with veterans wishing to be cremated.

Since the program was started they have had a great deal of involvement in the community. They have participated in several programs with VITAS Hospice Care and Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy in "Salute to Our Armed Forces."

The Illinois Star Warriors received a proclamation from the Cook County Board of Commissioners in Dec. of 2012. Their "Stars of Appreciation" were included in all the Honor Flight Veterans travel bags in 2013. They have participated in many events with VFW posts and American Legion posts in star presentations and parades around the Chicago area.

The Illinois Star Warriors Program has received endorsements from the Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County, Sons of the American Legion, Community Outreach with Commissioner Murphy and the American Legion's Welcome Home Programs.

They received flag donations from the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno, The Abraham Lincoln Cemetery, VFW and American Legion Posts, Banks, Illinois Armories and countless private citizens that believe in the program.

They have received their 501-C-3 not-for-profit classification in Illinois and have applied for it at the federal level. They have raised their own funds to operate this not-for-profit program with "Girls Night Out," Bunco Parties, bake sales, raffles, donations for bags of $0 stars ($5) and also designed and operate their own website at www.illinoisstarwarriors.org.

Please help with a donation of your retired flags to the Illinois Star Warriors Program so they can make "Stars of Appreciation." Thank you for supporting our Veterans and our Military. Everywhere we go and distribute "Stars of Appreciation" people love it. What better way is there to honor a veteran and to thank them, they said.

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I spoke with Mr. William Rosado of the Veteran Beer Company and he wanted to share information to share with you.

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The Veteran Beer Company is committed to being a pre-eminent beverage manufacturing company inspired by the highest traditions and principles of the United States Military and dedicated to the comprehensive transformation, achievement and growth of its 100% Veteran employee force in a diverse and accepting community.

The Veteran Beer Company released its first products into the market on Veterans Day 2013 with Liver Beverage Company in Chicago and Monarch Beverage Company in Indianapolis.

These first two markets will be followed in a six-month evaluation period before expanding distribution into two additional states on Memorial Day 2014. Thereafter, Veteran Beer Company products will expand into additional states every six months, alternating between Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

Veteran Beer Company's first four beers are: Blond Bomber - American Blonde Ale, 7.62 - American Pale Ale, NSW - American Black Ale, The Veteran - Premium American Lager.

If you would like to have more information, call Mr. Rosado at (219) 433-3151.

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Quote of the Week

*Stupid is forever, ignorance can be fixed.*

Don Wood

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***Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.***

# *Open Season With Pair Of Tournament Titles*

**The varsity speech team from Shepard High School (pictured being a little silly) opened its 2013-2014 competitive season with a pair of tournament championships.**

**The Astros took first place at the Huntley Fall Fest - the team then won the championship at the Downers Grove North Mixer, one of the state's toughest regular season tournaments. Shepard had never won this tournament before.**

**At the Huntley tournament, Shepard delivered a dominant performance with champions in six of the 14 categories. Medal winners included:**

**Champion - Enrique Montoya, Original Oratory; Jonathan Randich and Liam McCool, Humorous Duet Acting; Lindsie Bliss, Oratorical Declamation; Mariana Reyes, Poetry Reading; Shana Woodland, Prose Reading; Riley McDermott and Tyler Doidge, Dramatic Duet Acting;**

**Second - Kimmy Rinck, Prose Reading; Mike Reddy, Radio Speaking; Nick Martinez, Humorous Interpretation; Tasha Wierzal, Special Occasion Speaking; Tyler Doidge, Original Comedy;**

**Third - Jada Scott, Dramatic Interpretation; Leeana Skuby, Extemporaneous Speaking; Lindsie Bliss, Informative Speaking (INF); Riley McDermott and Tasha Wierzal, Humorous Duet Acting; Tasha Wierzal, Impromptu Speaking;**

**Fourth - Antonio Martinez and Enrique Montoya, Dramatic Duet Acting; Enrique Montoya and Nick Martinez, Humorous Duet Acting; Leeana Skuby, Impromptu Speaking;**

**Fifth - Bridget Curry, Informative Speaking; Eva Adomaityte, Poetry Reading; Mariana Reyes, Dramatic Interpretation; Riley McDermott, Oratorical Declamation;**

**Sixth - David Donnick, Original Comedy; Jonathan Randich and Mike Reddy, Dramatic Duet Acting; and, Kim Kosman, Oratorical Declamation.**

**Shepard bested many of the best programs in Illinois at the Downers Grove North Mixer: Richards, Sandburg, Downers Grove North, Downers Grove South, Hinsdale Central, Thornton, and many others. Medal winners for Shepard included:**

**Champion - Kimmy Rinck, Prose Reading; Lindsie Bliss, Informative Speaking;**

**Second - Leeana Skuby, Impromptu Speaking; Lindsie Bliss, OD; Mike Reddy, Radio;**

**Third - Mariana Reyes, DI;**

**Fourth - Bridget Curry, INF; Antonio Martinez and Enrique Montoya, DDA; Enrique Montoya and Nick Martinez, HAD; Tyler Doidge, OR; and,**

**Sixth - Jada Scott, DI; Mariana Reyes, Poetry.**


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# Budget And Term Limits

The regular Tuesday night Oak Lawn Village Board Meeting again saw verbal fireworks between Mayor Sandra Bury and Trustee Bob Streit. The subject in question was the question of term limits. The board voted to include a binding referendum on the next ballot concerning Term Limits for elected officials.

It was stated that, if passed, any elected official would be limited to three consecutive terms in office.

This referendum would be placed on the March 18, 2014 ballot. It would only affect the offices of village president, clerk and trustee in the 2015 election. Also specified was the fact that if an official was at the end of his terms, he could run for another position and serve three more terms.

When discussion was called, Trustee Streit said that he believed there were term limits in place, so to speak, when people voted every four years and decided on whether or not to retain an elected official.

He also suggested that the referendum is a foregone conclusion since voters seemed to want term limits because of their "lack of confidence" in officials especially in Washington and Springfield."

As he went on stating that he believes that referendum questions presented to the voters should pertain to significant issues of public policy.

Mayor Bury then took Streit to task for not staying on the issue. She ended up censuring Streit and calling for the vote.

It passed 4 to 2 with Streit and Trustee Carol Quinlan voting no. Quinlan said she would have supported the vote, but she had asked that two paragraphs be eliminated and for the lack of a second.

The Term Limits referendum will be placed on the March 2014 ballot.

Rumors of outsourcing crossing guards were laid to rest after two resident crossing guards addressed the board. According to Village Manager Larry Deetjen, it was something that was brought to the table to help balance the budget, however, it was an issue that was not in the budget at this point.

When asked if it ever would be a budgetary issue, the question remained unanswered.

The board passed a balanced budget for the coming fiscal year in a 4 to 2 vote with Trustees Streit and Quinlan voting no.

It was stated that the tax levy for the village has been slightly reduced, several police and fire positions will be eliminated by arbitration and no employees will be laid off and the village will begin making significant pension payments.

There have been no utility tax or service fee hikes and the water rate hike was passed on from what Chicago was now charging the village.

Although Trustee Streit claimed that he was not "proud" of the budget, most of the trustees were in the opinion that the budget was the "best they could do under the circumstances."

# *Aim To Help Great Cause With Pink Out Game*

**As the holiday season is upon us, the Oak Lawn girls basketball team is continuing to give its support to a worthwhile cause. Thursday, Dec. 12, the Spartans will host their annual Pink Out Game to help raise money and awareness for Breast Cancer.**

**The annual Pink Out event will feature the girls varsity, sophomore and freshmen teams along with the freshmen boys. The program will be selling T-shirts for $10 each.**

**This year it is truly a personal endeavor as the proceeds will go to head coach Janet Meyers' sister Mary Hauberreiser (center), who was diagnosed in October with Stage 4 inflammatory breast cancer. It is a rare form of breast cancer that spreads quickly.**

**"Mary worked as a teacher assistant at OLCHS for several years and now is the Director of Students at Excel Academy of Englewood," Meyers said. "She is a single mom with five-year-old twins. Please consider supporting this event. It will be an exciting night of basketball for a great cause."**

**Help support a great cause, help support a positive message and help support the girls basketball program. Come out on Thursday, December 12, 2013, and help raise breast cancer awareness.**

**HOLIDAY DEADLINE FOR NEWS RELEASES**

**CHRISTMAS Dec. 26, 2013 issue deadline is Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013**

**NEW YEAR'S Jan. 2, 2014 issue deadline is Thursday, Dec. 26, 2013**

# *Operation Santa Claus*

**Mrs. Ellen Kruger, a math teacher at Oak Lawn Community High School, will continue her school-wide tradition of Operation Santa Claus. This marks the ninth year of Operation Santa Claus at Oak Lawn Community High School. From Dec. 2 to Dec. 13, Christmas trees are located in the main office by the mailboxes, the faculty cafe, and the student cafeteria. They are loaded with candy cane ornaments. Each candy cane has a gift tag identifying a person, his/her age, and desired wish or need. Wishes often include clothing, gym shoes, small appliances, gas cards, grocery cards, musical instruments or toys. Students and staff can choose as many candy canes as they wish and purchase the gifts. Some classes are even collecting spare change to assist in purchasing the supplies and gifts. One Oak Lawn family needs two twin beds or one full bed; gently used, clean beds are acceptable. Wrapping paper, bags, gift boxes, ribbons and gift tags are also needed and can be dropped off in room 215.**

**Gifts are due to room 215 by Friday, Dec. 13. On Wednesday, Dec. 18, the Operation Santa Claus team hosts a Wrap Party and then delivers the gifts to the families.**

**Pictured left to right: Spartan volunteers Jacqueline Taylor, Marquis Watkins, and Jacob Hoskin work the Operation Santa Claus table during their lunch period.**

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 17 Monday Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 18 Tuesday Special Events Committee Meeting 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 18 Tuesday OL Library Board Meeting, 94th & Raymond, Lower Level Rotary Room, 6:45 p.m.

DECEMBER 18 Tuesday Environmental Concerns Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 19 Wednesday Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room 119, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 20 Thursday Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 25 Tuesday MERRY CHRISTMAS!

DECEMBER 27 Thursday OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St., 10 a.m.

DECEMBER 27 Thursday Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 27 Thursday Worth Township Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 1 Tuesday HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY 2 Wednesday Appeals Board, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

JANUARY 3 Thursday Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JANUARY 3 Thursday Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center Auditorium, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JANUARY 4 Friday Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 Pulaski Rd., 12:30 p.m.

JANUARY 5 Saturday District 11 "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to Noon.


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# Host Simbang Gabi Mass

St. Terrence, 4500 W. 159th Place, will host a Simbang Gabi Mass on Thursday, Dec. 19th at 6:[illegible] p.m. Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic tradition of celebrating a novena series of nine masses, from Dec. 15th to Christmas of Advent evening masses. It is meant to help the Filipino-Americans and other Catholics in the area to spiritually prepare and celebrate Christmas.

St. Terrence is one of nine parishes inviting their parishioners, families and friends to celebrate Simbang Gabi with them each night. Other hosting parishes are: St. Peter Church in Chicago on Dec. 15th; St. Michael, Orland Park, Dec. 16th; St. Julie Billiart, Tinley Park, Dec. 17th; St. Bernadette, Evergreen Park, Dec. 18th; St. Damian, Oak Forest, Dec. 20th; St. Stephen, Tinley Park, Dec. 21st; St. Anthony, Frankfort, Dec. 22nd; and St. Albert the Great, Burbank, Dec. 23rd.

# *Ladies' Christmas Teas*

**Ladies' Christmas Teas on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 19th and 20th, from 2 until 4 p.m. are offered at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park.**

**Each tea includes a large buffet of Christmas punch, tea, cookies, cakes, tea sandwiches, and other goodies, plus an opportunity to make a bag of fragrant fresh Christmas potpourri of balsam, cinnamon, orange peel, hemlock cones, and holly berries. A heartwarming Christmas story is then read before the fire.**

**Tickets must be reserved in advance and cost $25 per person. Call (708) 361-3650.**

**Pictured: Carole Cornelius, Kathy Mical, and Jean Cornelius enjoying high tea at The Center.**

# Postal Service Readies For Busiest Mailing Day

As the U.S. Postal Service prepares for Dec. [illegible] of the year, shoppers are urged [illegible] gifts and cards in time for the [illegible] The Postal Service expects 6 million customers [illegible]

[illegible] first holiday season that consumers [illegible] can take advantage of the recently [illegible] Priority Mail which now comes with free insurance, [illegible] delivery and free tracking, says Peter [illegible], Central Illinois District Manager. With our low-cost Flat Rate shipping product — which has no additional [illegible] charges — the Postal Service anticipates that its [illegible] popular Priority Mail offerings will be very attractive [illegible] small businesses and holiday shoppers.

"We know that customers are looking for quick, easy and convenient shipping choices to ship their holiday gifts, and the Postal Service offers a great combination of value and convenience," says Allen. "By going online, customers can take care of their shipping needs right from their home computer. ... You can print postage and shipping labels directly from your computer with Click-N-Ship. We offer discounts when you ship online. Plus, you can schedule free package pickup online as well, so you can take care of all of your shipping from your computer without ever leaving home."

Priority Mail Flat Rate Boxes are available free at your local Post Office in four different sizes, or can be ordered online at shop.usps.com, or by telephone at 1-800-STAMP-24. Postage, labels and customs forms can be printed online any time using usps.com/clickship.

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**Pack Delicately.** Cushion contents to protect them during transportation, and wrap glass and other fragile items with extra newspaper or packing material. Be sure to label a box as "FRAGILE" if it needs to be handled with extra care. Use popped popcorn in a bag as an eco-friendly cushion for fragile gifts. Remove all batteries from electronics. Remember to place an extra shipping label inside the box, so the item can be returned in case the box or label gets damaged.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Proper Sizing includes measuring and calculating per Recommended Industry Standards using Proper Instruments and Procedures as provided by ACCA, ASHRAE and other HVAC Industry Professional Associations. The procedures have been adopted and are now part of Building Codes for all new construction.

Your home's comfort level, utility costs and equipment longevity are just as important as a new construction home. I think even more so since older homes were built to lesser efficiency standards and various duct sizing methods. Proper Sizing is even more critical for optimum results in existing homes.

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# Pilgrimage To The Manger

Living nativity pilgrimages will take place at The Center, 12700 Southwest Highway, Palos Park, on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14th and 15th at 6 p.m.

Guests will don Judean headscarves and then follow Mary, Joseph, and the donkey for a walk across the bridge to the barn. On the way, the crowd will be greeted by the shepherds watching their flock of sheep, and by the Wisemen riding toward the star. In the barn, they will find an infant lying in the manger of hay. Along the way, Rev. Chris Hopkins will lead the Pilgrimage with carols and scripture, providing an opportunity for both children and adults to experience the original miracle of Christmas. The program ends with refreshments and a final blessing in the farm's Anderson Center.

Participation in the Pilgrimage requires an advance reservation, as only 100 people can be accommodated each night. A freewill donation is appreciated to support the programs of The Center. To register, call The Center at (708) 361-3650.


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# Guilty Plea Comes Five Years To The Day Company Abrubtly Shut Down

The former chief executive of a Chicago aluminum manufacturing plant that gained national notoriety after its sudden shutdown in 2008 has pled guilty to conspiring to steal millions from his failing company following a financial crimes investigation and prosecution by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. State's Attorney Anita Alvarez announced on Dec. 5th.

Richard Gollman, 60, today pled guilty to one charge of Class 3 Felony Theft and was sentenced to a term of four years in prison and a fine of $100,000 for his role in a financial crimes scheme involving his former business Republic Windows, which manufactured doors and vinyl windows at its former Goose Island location.

In September of 2009, following a joint investigation with the Chicago Police Department's Financial Crimes Unit, the State's Attorney's Office charged Gollman with multiple counts of theft and fraud for conspiring to steal funds from the financially failing company in the waning months of operation.

The plea by Gollman comes exactly five years to the day that the Republic plant was abruptly shut down by the company's executives without warning to its more than 200 unionized employees, who were left suddenly out of work. The workers staged a sit-in that captured national attention at a time when the nation was experiencing a dramatic economic decline.

"We are extremely pleased with today's sentencing as it demonstrates that Mr. Gollman has acknowledged his fraudulent conduct and will be serving a well-deserved term of prison," said State's Attorney Alvarez. "It is a just and fitting sentence given the devastating impact that these financial crimes had on so many working Chicagoans."

According to prosecutors, Republic had experienced a sustained trend of reduced operating revenues and increased operating expenses in the years leading up to its financial collapse. By mid-2008, Republic was in arrears on payments to creditors and the company's insolvency was imminent. At the time of its closing, Republic was more than $30 million dollars in debt to its creditors, which included Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase Bank, and General Electric Capital Corporation.

According to court documents, Gollman and others formulated and executed a scheme to defraud Republic's creditors and its employees. In order to facilitate the scheme, prosecutors said that two shell corporations were set up to launder more than $300,000 that was stolen from Republic accounts. These funds were used to pay for the transportation of collateralized manufacturing equipment and to assist in the execution of the overall scheme.

When the Republic plant was shut down on Dec. 5, 2008, the company's wage earners, represented by United Electrical Local 1110, were owed money for hours they worked but for which they were unpaid, as well as for accrued vacation time and other benefits. Since the closure of Republic, some of the former workers joined together to form their own company, which continues to operate at the site today.

## Bill Lipinski's All American Eagle Program

On Friday, Nov. 22nd, Bill Lipinski's All American Eagle Program held its annual Art Competition for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. Hundreds of applicants drew pictures representing World War II but only nine were selected as winners that will be honored at a special ceremony on Friday, March 14, 2014 at the Holiday Inn, 6624 S. Cicero, at 7 p.m.

The winners that will be awarded a special All American Eagle Trophy for 1st and 2nd place and the schools with the most participation will receive a check for their school. The winners for this event are 6th Grade 3rd place Kimberly Arreola (Bridgeport Catholic Academy), 2nd place Valeria Mendoza (Bridgeport Catholic Academy), 1st place Isaias Toledo (Math Team). 7th Grade 3rd place Mia Lopez (St. Symphorosa), 2nd place Nicole Hozzian (Incarnation), 1st place Samantha Sullivan (St. Cajetan). 8th Grade 3rd place Emily Barth (Incarnation), 2nd place Leah Sheehy (St. Cajetan), 1st place Amber Beaton (Bridgeport Catholic Academy).

The schools with the most participation for this event were 6th grade Bridgeport Catholic Academy, 7th grade St. Cajetan and 8th grade Incarnation.

As a reminder the next event is an Essay Contest for 7th and 8th graders titled "What Were the Causes of the First World War." The essay must be 400 words or more.

The 6th grade Essay topic is "Who are the Five Best Presidents and Why?" The Essay must be 300 words or more. The deadline for entries is Friday, Jan. 10, 2014. For more information, contact Bart Frost at (773) 582-7477.

# Encourage Holiday Shoppers To Give Preparedness Gifts

If you're trying to find the perfect holiday presents for everyone on your list, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) is offering gift ideas to help your loved ones stay safe when disaster strikes. IEMA is focusing on holiday safety throughout December as part of its annual preparedness campaign.

"The Nov. 17 tornado outbreak across Illinois really illustrates how disasters can happen anytime, often with little warning," said IEMA Director Jonathon Monken. "While you're shopping for gifts this holiday season, consider gifts that can help friends and family stay safe during all types of emergencies. You can give something small, like a flashlight or first aid kit, or surprise someone with a home or vehicle preparedness kit you assembled yourself."

Monken said preparedness gift ideas include:

- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather alert radio with battery backup, a tone alert feature and Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) technology. In addition to alerting for weather warnings, these radios also broadcast warnings and post-event information for all types of hazards, including natural, environmental and public safety hazards, such as earthquakes, chemical spills and AMBER alerts.
- Flashlight with extra batteries.
- First aid kit with sterile bandages and gauze pads in assorted sizes, antiseptic, latex gloves, tweezers, scissors, soap and moistened towelettes; and thermometer.
- Home emergency preparedness kit stocked with a three-day supply of bottled water and non-perishable food, battery-powered radio, weather radio and flashlights with extra batteries; first aid kit, shut-off wrench (to turn off household gas and water), manual can opener, and fire extinguisher.
- Vehicle emergency preparedness kit stocked with a flashlight with extra batteries, first aid kit, water and non-perishable snacks, blankets, windshield scraper and brush, booster cables, sack of sand or kitty litter, tool kit, and shovel. The items can be packed in a backpack or rubber tub.

Most preparedness gift items can be found in hardware and department stores. For additional information on emergency preparedness, visit the Ready Illinois website at www.ReadyIllinois.gov.

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# EDITORIAL/OPINION PAGE

## *Request Independent Analysis Of Healthcare.gov*

U.S. Reps. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) and Kyrsten Sinema (AZ-9) have asked the nonpartisan Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct an independent, comprehensive assessment of the functionality of the Affordable Care Act website, healthcare.gov. Reps. Lipinski and Sinema, in a letter signed by 10 House members, are requesting the GAO to perform the analysis as quickly as possible to help Congress determine if an extension of the open enrollment period and a delay of the penalties imposed on those who do not carry health insurance are necessary.

"Despite assurances that healthcare.gov has been fixed after the disastrous rollout, significant concerns still remain. Reports suggest that there are still issues with waiting times and system glitches that are making it difficult for some people to sign up for a health care plan. In addition, critical parts of the system still have not been built and insurers may not be receiving correct information about the individuals and families who have enrolled in their plans. An independent analysis of the functionality of the website is clearly warranted when millions of Americans are being required to use either healthcare.gov to purchase a health plan or pay a penalty," Rep. Lipinski said. "I did not vote for the Affordable Care Act, but I am committed to doing everything I can to fix the multiple problems with it. Since the passage of the law, I have sponsored, cosponsored, or voted for more than 20 pieces of legislation to institute changes, including a bill I authored to extend the open enrollment period and delay the individual mandate in order to give Americans enough time to sign up after the website was finally functioning properly."

Arizona families need the healthcare.gov website to work so they can determine their coverage choices and costs. Progress has been made but Arizona families should also be confident that their information is secure and that their purchase is successfully transmitted to the insurance provider," Rep. Sinema said. "This independent analysis that we are requesting will help improve the front and back end of the website so that individuals and businesses can thoroughly review their choices and make informed decisions about their health care coverage."

The letter requests that the GAO evaluate the website's current performance and the administration's rate of progress in making improvements. In addition to making sure that healthcare.gov can handle the traffic from people signing up for coverage, the letter also calls on the GAO to answer whether the information collected is being transferred to insurance providers in an accurate and timely manner.

The report would be due to Congress at the start of its first session in January.

In October, in response to problems with healthcare.gov, Rep. Lipinski introduced the Health Care Access Fairness and Penalty Delay Act (H.R. 3425). The legislation would require the Health and Human Services Inspector General to certify when the healthcare.gov website is fully operational. Once the Inspector General certifies that the website is operational, individuals would have at least 90 days to enroll in a health care plan. The penalties to comply with the law's individual mandate would not commence until 30 days later.

Rep. Lipinski has also cosponsored the "If You Like Your Health Plan, You Can Keep it Act" (H.R. 3400) in order, to help protect Americans from losing the health insurance plan they currently have. The bill would change the Affordable Care Act by allowing insurance companies to continue offering plans to existing customers that the law currently requires them to cancel. Under the bill, there is no time limit on how long these plans can be renewed.

## *Study Chicago River Microbe Population*

Scientists from the U.S. Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory are partnering with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) to find out the source and distribution of microbial communities in Chicago area waterways.

For the MWRD-sponsored project, Argonne scientists will analyze samples taken monthly from the Chicago River during the recreational season (between March and November) and run them through a DNA sequencer to identify and count the microbes in the river.

The entire study will take seven years and will record the changes that happen as the MWRD takes steps to manage its outflow. The samples taken this year and next will serve as a baseline, and more will be collected again each year until 2019. It will record changes in microbial communities as the MWRD begins disinfecting its secondary treated water at the O'Brien and Calumet Water Reclamation Plants and as the McCook reservoir, part of the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan, is completed.

"This work will provide a more genomic science-based understanding of the microbial health of the Chicago area waterways, and should help us understand the sources of microbes that we currently recognize during fecal indicator bacteria monitoring," said Geeta K. Rijal, MWRD Supervising Environmental Microbiologist.

Negri and her colleagues will create a hydrological model of the river that incorporates the microbial data, laying out how water flows from different sources and how rain events affect bacterial diversity and count.

The team will also study how microbes flourish in specific areas and determine if, say, increasing the amount of concrete near an outflow affects bacteria, or if water quality changes as the river goes past farms or factories.

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## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart has announced that Dr. Sneka Jones has joined his office in a senior role overseeing mental health strategy at the Cook County Jail.

Dr. Jones will serve as a 1st Assistant Executive Director of the Cook County Department of Corrections. Her oversight will prioritize extend out diversions housing the various entrants of population and programs aimed at better managing and treating those with mental illness in the jail.

Sheriff Dart has long decried the criminalization of mental illness, a tragic byproduct of widespread mental health services cuts throughout the county and state over the past decade. As such, mentally ill individuals are routinely incarcerated for small offences such as petty theft, panhandling, trespassing, prostitution, disorderly conduct and substance abuse. On any given day, Cook County Jail is home to 2,500-2,600 mentally ill inmates, making it the largest mental health institution in the country.

"While I strongly feel that the mentally ill belong in treatment facilities rather than jail, I refuse to turn my back on the mentally ill inmates who come into my custody. That means bringing the best and brightest from the mental health community onto my senior leadership team," said Sheriff Dart. "There is no one better equipped than Dr. Sneka Jones to help us slow the revolving door between the streets and jail for the mentally ill."

Dr. Jones joins the Sheriff's Office following three years as the Chief Psychologist at Cermak Health Services. At Cermak, Dr. Jones developed and chaired numerous mental health programs and committees and advised the Cook County DOC on mental health-related issues.

Dr. Jones has maintained a decorated academic career, earning her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, her master's in clinical psychology from East Carolina University and her PsyD from the Virginia Consortium Program in Clinical Psychology.

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Commonwealth Edison and State Rep. Bob Rita have joined voices to support veterans and active military personnel struggling to meet their electric bills.

ComEd offers the CHAMP (ComEd Helps Activated Veteran Military Personnel) program to help with bill payments for veterans and deployed members of the military in the utility's northern Illinois service territory. The program previously offered to disabled veterans and deployed active military personnel starting in 2002 was recently expanded to cover all veterans.

CHAMP offers a variety of benefits: bill payment assistance of up to $1,000 while funds are available, deferred payment plans, extended payment due dates, cancellation of late charges, deposit reduction or refunds, and budget payment plans. ComEd is dedicating $50 million in financial assistance over five years, starting in 2012, to help low-income residents – seniors, veterans and activated members of the armed services. The aid is part of the 2011 Smart Grid law. In 2012, ComEd helped more than 32,000 customers who could have faced disconnection.

To enroll in CHAMP, customers should call 1-888-806-CARE (2273), or download an application at www.ComEd.com/CARE.

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U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) has formally requested that the U.S. Department of Labor and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms begin an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the reported Nov. 4 blast at a Hanson Materials quarry in McCook that damaged nearby properties and alarmed residents throughout the region. In a letter, the congressman asks that both agencies "ascertain whether laws, regulations and protocols may have been violated" regarding the purchase, storage and use of explosives.

Rep. Lipinski, a Western Springs resident, also is requesting that the agencies work with state and local governments to make sure the proper measures are in place to protect neighboring communities from similar events in the future.

"Unfortunately, homeowners and businesses in the western suburbs are accustomed to being disturbed and startled by frequent quarry blasting, but the incident that took place earlier this week demands additional scrutiny. Residents of the area deserve some answers," Rep. Lipinski said. "I was sitting at my kitchen table at my home in Western Springs when my house started to violently shake for five seconds. This is something that no one should have to tolerate. The potential for unseen damage to homes and businesses caused by a blast such as this is unacceptable. That's why I am asking the appropriate federal agencies to take a closer look at what exactly happened and what can be done to prevent it from happening again."

The blast was recorded by the United States Geological Survey as a 3.2 seismic event that reportedly could be felt as far away as southern Wisconsin. In his letter, the congressman noted a smaller seismic event also occurred in 2010 under similar circumstances.

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Cook County and Forest Preserves Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Commissioner Bridget Gainer (D-10th) have announced an additional $100,000 in the FY 2014 budget to provide young people summer jobs at the Forest Preserves District of Cook County (FPDCC).

"Providing teenagers with summer jobs will enhance their development and give them productive ways to spend their time," President Preckwinkle said. "These opportunities will keep young people off the streets while they are out of school and teach them valuable life skills. I want to thank Commissioner Gainer for offering this amendment and will work with my colleagues on the County Board to ensure its passage."

A portion of the funding will be used to expand a new program – the Youth Outdoor Ambassadors initiative in the Calumet Region. This effort will focus on inspiring teenagers to become lifelong advocates of nature. Teen interns will plan outreach events, conduct focus groups and interview their peers and FPD departments to determine how young people can have a positive impact on a public land agency.

Commissioner Stanley Moore (D-4th) is a co-sponsor of the amendment.

Interns also will coordinate a summit to bring together teens who participate in environmental education or internship programs in forest preserves throughout the region. In addition, the new funding will allow the Forest Preserves to increase positions in existing internship programs, including habitat restoration and Greencorps Chicago training. Nearly 200 people participated in FPDCC programs last summer.

"There are few things that prepare a young person for adulthood more than having a job," Commissioner Gainer said. "Research shows that if kids don't work in their teen years, they either won't find work in their twenties or they'll end up with low-level, low-paying jobs. By eliminating the tax loopholes of Lollapalooza in 2012 we generated new revenue for the County. Now we are able to create job opportunities for young people in their teen years, which is a win-win for County taxpayers."

The Forest Preserves' summer jobs program provides young people with training in a variety of other fields ranging from recreation to habitat restoration.

# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## Annual Christmas Program

The Prestige Philharmonic orchestra and chorus will be performing its annual holiday program at the Chicago Cultural Center on Sunday, Dec. 15th at 3 p.m. at Preston Bradley Hall. There is no admission charge. The organizers request that by standing room only in the hall itself, and offer concertgoers listening in from the grand stairs and corridors is advised. The Cultural Center is located at 78 East Washington Street in Chicago.

Herbert Grossman's *Fanfare for Christmas* will start the concert off in brilliant fashion. The romantic and colorful *The Golden Cockerel Suite* by Rimsky-Korsakov followed by Bach's *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* continues the program. The second half of the program is dedicated to seasonal favorites, including Bizet's *L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2* and Leroy Anderson's *A Christmas Festival* and *Sleigh Ride*. The program concludes with a ***Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long***. It is unbelievable how popular this particular concert is," said Music Director Joseph Glymph. "*At Prestige's concert earlier this fall, many mentioned the holiday concert brought cheers from the audience.*"

Lynn Glymph, Executive Director of The Prestige Philharmonic, said, "The orchestra is very excited to be playing such beautiful and challenging literature, and to learn to play, for many of them for the first time, *L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2*, which is of course charming. That excitement is palpable during their performance."

About the orchestra: The Prestige Philharmonic falls under the organization umbrella of The Classical Symphony Orchestra, and is a tuition-based, audition-only youth orchestra. The orchestras build the future of classical music through the cultivation of young artists, which includes orchestral training opportunities, chamber music ensembles, soloists and composers. The audition-only orchestras count members from the Chicago metropolitan area and northwest Indiana, ranging from junior high and high school (the Prestige Philharmonic) through college, graduate school and interested, highly qualified adults from the community (the Classical Symphony). The orchestras provide professional orchestra training and receive coaching from professional accomplished musicians from throughout the Chicago area. Each orchestra gives at least four programs every season, including several free concerts at the Chicago Cultural Center. The orchestras rehearse at Classical Symphony Hall, 218 S. Wabash Ave. Every Saturday rehearsals are open to the public. Excerpts from previous concerts can be heard on www.malanico.com/sym.

## St. Nicholas Of Tolentine School Alumni

St. Nicholas of Tolentine School Alumni will be meeting on Jan. 22nd at 7:0 p.m. at St. Nicholas School, 3748 W. 72nd Street in Chicago. All St. Nicholas Alumni are invited to be part of the official creation of the Alumni Association. They are meeting to discuss how the alumni will organize the association and upcoming alumni events. This is a continuation of the November 2013 meeting at which many great ideas were heard. Come and encourage your St. Nicholas alumni friends to come with you. Contact the St. Nicholas of Tolentine school office at [illegible] if you have any questions.

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## The Second City Presents 'Nut-Cracking Holiday Revue'

**Chicago's legendary sketch comedy theatre presents the perfect entertainment for the holiday season, The Second City's Nut-Cracking Holiday Revue, Saturday, Dec. 28th, 8 p.m., at the Beverly Arts Center (BAC), 2407 W. 111th St., Chicago.**

**The Second City's Nut-Cracking Holiday Revue captures the magic and mayhem of the season with original songs, brand-new sketches, and some favorite classic skits. Outings to the hilarious and irreverent shows by The Second City at the Beverly Arts Center have become a holiday tradition for many area improv fans. In fact, many people make a date to celebrate the season with a laugh together with family, friends and co-workers.**

**Tickets for The Second City's Nut-Cracking Holiday Revue are $25 ($22 for BAC members) and available by calling (773) 445-3838 or online at www.beverlyartscenter.org under the main Stage tab.**

## "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown"

Marist High School's Lantern Theatre is proud to announce their expansion this year as they introduce their first winter show, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." Performances will be offered on Thursday, Dec. 12th and Friday, Dec. 13th at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 15th at 3 p.m. in Marist's RedHawk Theatre. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students. To reserve tickets, email lanterntheatre@marist.net.

This perfect Christmastime show features all of the beloved Peanuts characters brought to spectacular life by Marist students: Ben Harry (Beverly), Jennifer Glynn (Mt. Greenwood), Aidan Martinez (Chicago Ridge), Kelly Collins (Blue Island), Matt Jones (Midlothian) and Brian Canchola (Alsip). The show is directed entirely by working theatre professionals and Marist alumni Dominic Rescigno (Oak Lawn), Annie Carrigan (Orland Park), Natalie Russo (Beverly), Katelyn Peters (Mt. Greenwood) and Alex Newkirk (Lakeview).

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# CHRISTMAS IN CHURCH

## ST. TERRENCE CHURCH

**119th and Kostner**
**Alsip, Illinois 60803**
**708-597-0970**

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**
**"SONG OF THE STABLE"**
Saturday, December 21, 6:30 P.M.

**CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES**
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

4:00 P.M. – Family Mass
Carols with Children's Choir
begin at 3:15 P.M.

10:00 P.M. – Night Mass
Carols begin at 9:30 P.M.

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**
7:30 A.M. Mass
9:00 A.M. Mass
11:00 A.M. Mass

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## ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

**14700 S. Kildare Ave.**
**Midlothian, Illinois**
**(708) 388-4283**
**Rev. Paul Ninnemann, Pastor**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**
Advent Lessons & Carols, 6:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**
Sunday School Christmas Pageant, 9:30 a.m.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE**
Family Christmas Eve Worship, 5:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Holy Communion with Candlelighting,
11:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY**
The Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.

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## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

**14700 S. 94th Avenue**
**Orland Park, Illinois 60462**
**708-349-0431**
**www.christlutheranorland.com**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 &**
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**
Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**
5:00 and 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Services

**CHRISTMAS DAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

**NEW YEAR'S EVE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31**
7:00 p.m. Holy Communion

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## SS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

**11025 South Roberts Road**
**Palos Hills, Illinois**
**(708) 974-3400**

Schedule of Services for the
Christmas – Epiphany Season

**DECEMBER 2013**

**Wednesday, 18th**
7:00 p.m. **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY UNCTION**
**EPHELEON ("Prayer Oil" Healing Service)** Following the Liturgy
Fellowship and the annual presentation of the "Our Martha and Mary
Orthodox Maternity Home" by Mr. Nicholas Georgiou, President of
the Board of Directors, St. Luke

**Saturday, 21st**
8:30 a.m. Orthros Divine Liturgy – Dies Natalis – commemoration of the
new Youth Korais Day. Afternoon School and Sunday School cancelled
followed by a Christmas Center Breakfast (hosted by Korais Day
Afternoon and Sunday School parents)

**Sunday, 22nd**
**SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY, FEAST OF ST ANASTASIA**
8:25 a.m. Orthros Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday 24th**
**CHRISTMAS EVE – Feastday of St. Eugenia**
7:30 a.m. Royal Hours of Christmas
8:00 a.m. Vespers of Liturgy of St. Basil

**Evening**
5:00 p.m. **1st Christmas Divine Liturgy** (Our Youth Choir will chant
responses and will sing a Christmas Carols following)

**Wednesday 25th**
**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**
**CHRISTMAS DAY**
8:15 a.m. Orthros and 2nd Christmas Divine Liturgy

**Friday, 27th**
**FEASTDAY OF ST. STEPHEN** – First Martyr and Archdeacon
8:15 a.m. Orthros Divine Liturgy

**Sunday 29th**
**SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY, FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**
8:15 a.m. Orthros Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, 31st**
7:00 p.m. **GREAT VESPERS** at St. Basil's Church, Chicago

**JANUARY 2014**
**Wednesday 1st**
**NEW YEAR'S DAY – Feastday of the Nativity of Christ and St Basil the Great**
8:00 a.m. Orthros Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
Liturgy (Anaxiopita offered in honor St. Helen Women's Philoptochos)

**Friday, 3rd**
5:00 p.m. **ROYAL HOURS OF EPIPHANY**

**Sunday 5th**
**EVE OF EPIPHANY (FAST DAY)**
[illegible]

**Monday 6th**
**FEASTDAY OF EPIPHANY** – [illegible]
St. Basil's Church, Chicago – [illegible]
Holy Trinity Metropolitan Church, [illegible]
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers – St. John's Church, Des Plaines

**Tuesday 7th**
**SYNAXIS (OR GATHERING) IN HONOR OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**
8:15 a.m. Orthros Divine Liturgy

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## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**8659 S. Sayre**
**Burbank, Illinois 60459**
**(708) 598-8070**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**
10:00 a.m. Children's Program & Worship

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE**
11:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY**
10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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## TRINITY EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

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**Rev. Zachary Lovig, Associate Pastor**

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Saturday, December 14 – 3 P.M.

**Kingdom Kids Christmas Program**
**"A Live Nativity"**
Sunday, December 15 – 4 P.M.
Refreshments at 5 P.M.
Pictures with animals until 7 P.M.

**Family Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candles**
Tuesday, December 24 – 5:30 P.M.

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## ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH

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***CHRISTMAS MASSES***

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE**
**4:00, 5:30 PM AND 11:00 PM**
**(Carols begin at 10:30)**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY**
**9:30 AND 11:00 AM**

***NEW YEAR'S MASSES***

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, NEW YEAR'S EVE**
**5:30 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, NEW YEAR'S DAY**
**9:30 & 11:00 AM**

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## PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**10400 W. 131st Street**
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***Come and Celebrate the Birth of Jesus at Peace!***

**Tuesday, December 24**
**Christmas Eve Services**
4:00 p.m. Harp & Candlelight Worship Service
10:30 p.m. String Quartet
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service Celebrating
With Carols and Scripture

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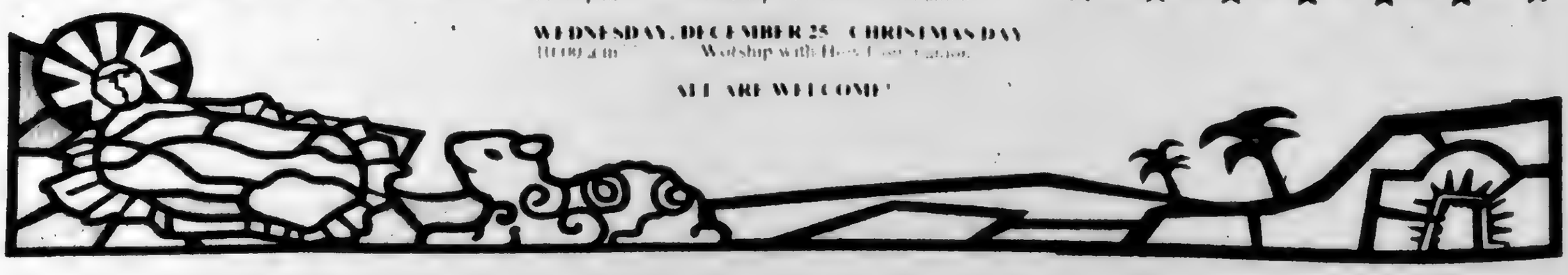

# CHRISTMAS IN CHURCH

## SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

4660 West 94th St.
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(708) 423-1040

Pastors: Rev. John S. Mueller and Rev. Matthew Zickler

**Come Celebrate the Joy of Christmas with Us**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE**
5:00 p.m. Family Worship Service with Communion
10:30 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY**
9:30 a.m. Festival Communion Service

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE**
7:00 p.m. Traditional New Year's Eve Communion Service

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## PALOS PARK PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

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**708-448-5220**
www.pppcc.org
**Pastors James R. Tony & David M. Carlton**

***Sunday, December 15***
8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Dance
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
A 3rd Attitude That Blesses Us (Matt. 5:6)
9:45 a.m. Advent Learning Opportunities
7:00 p.m. Choir's Christmas Concert

***Sunday, December 22***
8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m. Worship with Handbell Choir
A 4th Attitude That Blesses Us (Matt. 5:3)
9:45 a.m. Children's Birthday Party for Jesus

***Tuesday - Christmas Eve, December 24***
3:00 p.m. Children's Service
7:30 p.m. Candlelight, Carols and Choir
*(Nurseries provided for 3:00 and 7:30 p.m.)*
10:30 p.m. Candlelight, Carols, Soloists & Harp
A 5th Attitude That Blesses Us (Matt. 5:8)

***Sunday, December 29 - Carol Sing***
8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m. Worship
A 6th Attitude That Blesses Us (Matt. 5:4)
9:45 a.m. Advent Learning Opportunities

***January 5 - Promise Renewal Sunday***
(One Worship Service)
9:30 a.m. New Year Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Worship (Communion Served)
9:45 a.m. Educational Hour

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**
**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**
4:00pm & 11:00pm
Candlelight, Holy Communion
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**
**CHRISTMAS DAY**
11:00am
Traditional Christmas Hymns, Holy Communion
1:00pm Free Christmas dinner for Great Lakes Military, senior citizens, homeless persons and others who would otherwise be alone.
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**Christmas Eve, December 24**
Services at 4:30 & 11 p.m.

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**Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve**
4:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

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**3240 West 98th Street**
**Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805**
**708/422-6301**
**www.unitedbyfaith-ep.org**

**Christmas Worship Services**

**Christmas Eve, December 24 at 11:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day, December 25 at 9:30 a.m.**

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## ST. DAMIAN CHURCH

**5300 W. 155th Street**
**Oak Forest, Illinois 60452**
**(708) 687-1370**
www.stdamianchurch.org
stdamian@hotmail.com

**Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24**

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| 3:00 p.m. | Vigil Mass | Youth Choir at 2:45 |
| 3:10 p.m. | Vigil Mass | Shaw/O'Day Halls |
| 4:30 p.m. | Vigil Mass | Musical Prelude at 4:15 |
| 6:00 p.m. | Vigil Mass | Musical Prelude 5:45 |
| 12:00 a.m. | Vigil Mass | Musical Prelude at 11:30 |

**Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25**

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| 6:45 a.m. | Mass | Musical Prelude 6:35 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Mass | Musical Prelude 7:45 |
| 9:30 a.m. | Mass | Musical Prelude at 9:20 |
| 11:00 a.m. | Mass | Musical Prelude at 10:50 |
| 12:30 p.m. | Mass | Musical Prelude at 12:15 |

**Tuesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve**

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

**Wednesday, January 1**
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
**Day of World Peace**

7:00 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Mass

# OUTDOORS by Jim Kirby

**PEARL HARBOR, SOON FORGOTTEN?** I was dismayed by the lack of all media coverage of the *Date that will live in Infamy*. The surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, raised the battle cry, "Remember Pearl Harbor." This year the news that seemed to dominate Dec. 7 was **Obamacare** and the passing of **Nelson Mandela**. In the past returns of ***Tora Tora*** and the ***Battle of the Coral Sea*** and other movies brought to mind the day that more than 2000 boys were lost to treachery.

We should try to reflect on "**Remember the Alamo.**" *Perhaps a few brave defenders chosen to cross the line on the sand, which they knew* "**Remember Pearl Harbor.**" *Perhaps a few remaining* "**Remember 9-11.**" *Perhaps we will* "**Remember Benghazi.**" Unless it's preventable and avoidable, it happens in 2014.

■**AN EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT, AND THANK YOU WHOEVER YOU ARE.** [illegible] Merry and Uncertain [illegible] Washington. Apparently a fed the said [illegible] Great Krapp – Shakespeare [illegible] right in [illegible] Wrong. I asked for the [illegible] Happy [illegible]

[illegible] the waitress at the Oak Lawn IHOP and the waitress [illegible] Mirage Lounge [illegible] about the [illegible] Santa Claus [illegible] Santa Mary just I had [illegible] the room. The well-wishers [illegible] talking to the waitress about our allover [illegible] unexpected gift for the occasion. Whoever you are, we thank you and we intend to pass it [illegible]

■**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING:** With only a few shopping days left until Christmas, it makes sense to shop locally for, rather than presents and stocking stuffers. As opposed to ordering "Big Box" or Internet shopping, buying locally helps the economy in the form of employment and return of sales taxes to your local municipality. Supporting your local sporting goods store just may help keep the vital mom-and-pop small shop owners in business.

How nice it is to talk to a knowledgeable salesperson, as opposed to an order-the-phone order-taker who may be based halfway around the world and doesn't know the difference between a "Mepps Spinner" and a "Duck Call." Local sporting goods retailers can help you make the right sales items and provide after-sales service. When in doubt a gift certificate [illegible] is always appreciated.

[illegible] activity the potential gift [illegible]

[illegible] shop locally the [illegible] places I've patronized and which I have had the pleasure of doing business with.

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• **Fishing Connection:** 5907 W. 159th St., Tinley Park, (708) 532-4767. In addition to fishing tackle for all species, Gregg is the go-to guy for the fishing tips and equipment.

• **Mik-Lurch Fishing Tackle:** 7028 Indianapolis Blvd., Hammond, (219) 989-1078. "Its location makes Mik-Lurch the place to go for Lake Michigan fishing tackle. **Mike** and **Ed** are only too willing to provide the latest info on what is happening on the Big Pond and other bodies of water.

■**OUTDOOR CALENDAR:** Sportime – **Jan. 10-12** – Chicago Muskie Show, Harper College, Roselle & Algonquin Rd., Palatine. Bunos sportsmen display booths [illegible] fishing tackle and boats. [illegible] **Jan. 22-26** – Chicago Outdoor Sports Show, Donald Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont. Bunos [illegible] **Jan. 23-26** – [illegible] **Jan. 24-26** [illegible]

■**THINK ABOUT IT** [illegible]

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# 'Player Of The Year' Award

**When looking back on the Fall Sports season at Oak Lawn Community High School, several highlights come to mind including a South Suburban Conference Red Player of the Year, an SSC Red Coach of the Year, a State Qualifier, All-Regional golfers, and many, many more outstanding performances.**

**In Volleyball, the team brought home the conference championship, and Senior Becky Bradshaw (pictured) earned honors as the SSC Red Player of the Year for her outstanding performance during the season. She also claimed the team's Most Valuable Player Award. Jara Hill was named as the Sportsmanship Award winner. All-Conference selections included Bradshaw, Christina Egan, Simona Iomczak, and Brianna Markusic. Tracy Peck was Honorable Mention. Head Coach Dennis MacNamara was named SSC Red Coach of the Year as well.**

**In Girls Tennis, Alexis Fletcher crushed the competition and advanced all the way to the IHSA State Finals. She shared team MVP honors with Paulina Kotwica, while Emily Salomone and Aziza Hasan earned the Sportsmanship Award. Fletcher and Kotwica each garnered all-conference selections too.**

**In Girls Swimming, the Spartans won the conference championship with some strong performances in the pool. The team was led by Co-MVPs Yara Ismail and Hannah Featherstone, while senior Kelsey Townsend was the Sportsmanship Award winner. All-conference selections came via the 200 Medley Relay team of Featherstone, Townsend, Shannon Mottl, and Mary Kate Brennan and the 200 Free Relay team of Featherstone, Brennan, Ismail, and Samantha Lopez.**

**In Boys Golf, Joe Cuculich and Brandon Murley both shot well enough to be recognized as All-Regional golfers. Cuculich was named the team MVP and claimed all-conference honors, while Sean Baldwin was the Sportsmanship Award winner.**

**In Girls Cross Country, the Spartans also found a lot of success as Jasmin Pelaez and freshman Jessica Sciaky both qualified for the IHSA Sectional Meet. Pelaez was named team MVP, while Gabrielle Lenihan was named as the Sportsmanship Award winner.**

**In Boys Cross Country, the team earned the SSC Sportsmanship Award. Nick Minnella was named team MVP, and Jake Kupres got the Sportsmanship Award. All-conference selections included Minella, Rich Willis, and Luis Garcia.**

**In Football, Rackwon Howard and Joe Cosenza shared team MVP honors and Kyle Kuzor was named for the Sportsmanship Award. All-conference selections included Cosenza and Howard, while Ed Ivabula was Honorable Mention.**

**In Boys Soccer, Richard Alcantar was the team MVP and Omar Lopez was the Sportsmanship Award winner. Konrad Sykiel and Alcantar were all-conference selections, and Giovanni Barragan and Michal Szaflarski were Honorable Mention.**

# Marist Tip-Off Classic

**Results from Tuesday, Nov. 26th**

**Varsity Results**

Olympia Fields (Rich Central) 68, Chicago (Marist) 61

Oak Park (OP River Forest) 76, Chicago (Simeon) 53

Lady of Mercy 54, Chicago (South Shore College Prep) [illegible]

**Sophomore Results**

[illegible]

**Freshman Results**

[illegible]

# Bulldogs Garner Top Spot

The South Suburban College Men's Basketball Program [illegible] ranked #3 in the most recent poll from the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II. This marks the third time in four years the Bulldogs have been the top-ranked team.

Adrian Leavy, sophomore guard Antonio Leavy (Thornton High School) was named Region IV A Player of the Week. Leavy scored 28 points, snatched 4 steals, and dished out 5 assists in South Suburban's recent 85-78 victory over Prairie State College.

For more information about the program, team schedules or the Bulldogs' upcoming Holiday Basketball Camp, call Coach Pigatti at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2424.

Hear more about the Bulldogs and other college basketball news from Head Coach John Pigatti and radio Sports Director Ryan Walsh on WJOB 1230AM, Hammond, IN, which broadcasts to all of southern Cook County, IL and Lake County, IN. The show, NCAA Insiders, A weekly look at college basketball, airs on Monday evenings from [illegible] This show can also be heard and watched online at www.wjob1230.com.


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# Health & Nutrition

Lucinda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

### ARE YOU PARTY READY?

Being able to eat, drink, and be merry at your holiday festivities requires some forethought. Here, are some pointers to get you through and make this an enjoyable partying time of the year. Plus, having a plan will make watching your calories much easier and the party aftermath much better.

***Pre-party prep – the day before***

**Walk, walk, walk** – get your performance and go for a walk around the neighborhood. Recent research suggests that those who count their steps go an extra mile per day, which equals 2000 steps. Aim for at least 2000 steps from now until the party.

**Have a healthy dinner** – the night before, try a high protein, low fat meal such as fish or poultry to eliminate some of the extra calories.

**Take a tub soak** – relaxing in a warm bath for 20 minutes can send stress away. And you are less apt to snack after a soak.

**Get more sleep** – go to bed earlier than usual. Seven to nine hours of sleep allows for better handling of holiday tension, and less stress eating, according to a University of Chicago 2004 study.

***The day of...***

**Do the math** – experts have suggested one method to manage your pre-party day: use two-thirds of your calories for breakfast, a snack, lunch, and an early evening bite, and reserve the other third for your party.

**Donate your sweets** – a lot of baked goods from family on hand at your house? Give them away to neighbors in need.

***Evening prep***

**Take a power nap** – if you are planning a late night, research shows that a nap will help boost your energy well into the night.

**Forget the clothes** – choose the right attire to stay or look your best on a night out, but no crazy "wardrobe malfunctions".

***Party time!***

**Munch before eating.** Have go-to snacks of the veggies variety on the buffet table, which will fill you up. You will be highly tempted to have sips of wine, nibbles during the evening. It is an good idea to drink a glass of water or sparkling water or champagne. Have a cheat day? Do calories per serving or more of exercise that day.

[illegible] Research shows that people who [illegible] better eat and exercise [illegible].

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*Lucinda K. Lysen is a registered dietitian and registered nurse. She has published in medical journals, at least [illegible] and numerous book chapters. She is Medical Editor and Dietitian of the Southwest Messenger Press Newspapers. For further information regarding today's column, you may contact Ms. Lysen at Southwest Messenger Press, 3840 West 147th Street, Midlothian, Illinois 60445, or at [illegible]*

# Get A Flu Shot During Vaccinate Illinois Week

To reduce the risk of illness, public health departments and healthcare organizations across the state, including the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), are encouraging residents to get a flu shot during Vaccinate Illinois Week, Dec. 8 through 14. Vaccinate Illinois Week is a statewide observance focused on educating the public about the importance of flu vaccine during the fall and winter months.

"This is an ideal time to get vaccinated since it takes about two weeks after vaccination for your body to develop the antibodies that protect against infection," said CCDPH COO Dr. Terry Mason. "Getting the flu shot for you and your family now will provide you with the protection before peak influenza activity, which is often in January."

Public health officials recommend that everyone six months of age and older should be vaccinated against influenza. Pregnant women, young children, people 65 years of age and older, and anyone with underlying health conditions like asthma, diabetes, or a weakened immune system are at greater risk of complications from infection. A flu vaccine is needed every year because flu viruses are constantly changing.

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Complications of the flu can include bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, dehydration, and worsening of chronic medical conditions; such as congestive heart failure, asthma or diabetes.

People with flu can spread it to others up to about 6 feet away. Most experts think that flu viruses are spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

Although getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent getting influenza, you can also reduce your risk by:

Clean your hands regularly by washing with warm soapy water.

Cover your cough and sneeze but use a tissue or your elbow instead of your hands.

Contain your illness by staying home when you are sick and avoid close contact others who are sick. If you are sick with flu-like illness, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone.

To find a flu shot clinic close to you, use the Flu Vaccine Finder at www.cookcountypublichealth.org.

# Multi-Million Dollar Settlement With Midland

Illinois Department of Insurance (DOI) Director Andrew Boron on Nov. 25th announced an agreement with Midland National Life Insurance Company and North American Company for Life and Health Insurance (collectively "Midland") as part of a multi-million dollar settlement with several states regarding its use of the Social Security Administration's Death Master File (DMF). Under the settlement, Midland will pay $4.3 million dollars to states that are a party to the settlement.

DOI served as the principal lead in this investigation, with support of insurance regulators from Florida, California, New Hampshire, Iowa, North Dakota and Pennsylvania. Under the agreement, Midland will implement business reforms to promote a timely and efficient search for the beneficiaries of both its in-force life insurance policies and annuities using the DMF.

"I am pleased that another company has stepped forward to do the right thing and to timely locate and pay benefits owed under its policies. We will continue to aggressively pursue these examinations on behalf of consumers in Illinois," said DOI Director Boron.

The settlement with Midland is the latest result of multi-state market conduct examinations (investigations) of the nation's largest life insurers regarding the timely payment of proceeds to beneficiaries of life insurance policies and annuities. These life insurers and the other smaller insurers who have settled, which represent more than 80% of the market, will regularly match all of its insured and annuitants against the DMF to help promptly identify when an insured has died, to locate and make payment to beneficiaries.

A copy of the Midland settlement agreement is available at: http://insurance.illinois.gov/Home/Impl.inks.asp. Consumers who have any questions regarding this settlement, or who have any questions or concerns about their insurance, may contact the DOI Consumer Division on the website at http://insurance.illinois.gov or by calling 866-445-5364.

# First-Of-Its Kind U.S. Health Safety Preparedness Index

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), in conjunction with the Association for State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and 20 development partners, on Dec. 4th announced the release of the National Health Security Preparedness Index™ (NHSPI™), a new way to measure and advance the nation's readiness to protect people during disasters.

The 2013 NHSPI™ looks collectively at the health preparedness of states, including Illinois. IDPH can use the index to inform policy and resource decisions, guide quality improvement, and encourage shared responsibility for preparedness across communities.

"The tornadoes and severe storms we experienced in Illinois last month are a stark reminder of the importance of being prepared," said IDPH Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck. "This first-of-its kind Index is a growing measure of how well we are all working together, not just public health and healthcare, to best prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from public health threats. This tool can help Illinois zero in on our areas of strength as well as opportunities to advance our future efforts."

The 2013 Index results identify the following strengths in Illinois:

• Health Surveillance Laboratory Testing – the ability to detect chemical and biological disease agents, to analyze and upload lab results during a public health food emergency, and test for a broad range of infectious agents.

• Surge Management: Acute and Primary Care – the timeliness of patient movement from emergency department triage to facility admission, the ability to reduce or eliminate medical surge bottlenecks, and the capacity to handle admitted patients.

The 2013 Index also reveals areas in greatest need of development:

• Community Planning and Engagement: Management of Volunteers During Emergencies – the ability to pre-register volunteer health professionals, and to coordinate the identification, recruitment, registration, credential verification, training and engagement of healthcare, medical and support staff volunteers during a response.

• Community Planning and Engagement: At-risk Populations – the ability to anticipate disaster management response for special needs populations, to care for children with disabilities during a public health emergency, and to provide behavioral and mental health services to children following emergency events.

The NHSPI™ was developed by a steering committee chaired by John R. Lumpkin, MD, MPH of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (former IDPH director), and three workgroups comprised of more than 75 experts from public health, emergency management, private sector, nonprofits, government and academia.

"Policymakers, practitioners, researchers, communicators, and others interested in strengthening the health security of states and the nation are invited to explore and utilize the NHSPI™," said Dr. Lumpkin. "Exploring the Index can deepen understanding of what influences our national health security and what is needed to sustain and advance it."

To learn more about the NHSPI™ and the 2013 results, visit www.nhspi.org.


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## LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on January 02, 2014 will hold a public hearing at 7:45 pm at The Village of Crestwood Civic Center 14025 S. Kostner Avenue, Crestwood, Illinois regarding the Village of Crestwood Ten (10) Year Status report for the 135th & Cicero TIF Project as required in the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, as amended (65ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 et seq) (the "Act").

The following documents concerning the subject matter of the hearing are available for public inspection and review on the Village of Crestwood Website at [illegible] and Monday thru Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm commencing on December [illegible], 2013 at the Crestwood Village Hall 14501 S. Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, Illinois at the Village Clerk's Office.

Tax Increment Financing Ten (10) Year Status Report for Fiscal Year 2003 Fiscal Year 2013

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard at the hearing and are invited to submit comments concerning the subject matter thereof prior to the date of the hearing to the following address:

Bill Graffeo III, Administrator
Village of Crestwood
14501 S. Cicero Avenue
Crestwood, Illinois 60445

For further information, please contact Bill Graffeo at the Village of Crestwood at [illegible] between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Annette O'Donnell
Village Clerk
Village of Crestwood

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF POLICE DEPT. LATERAL TRANSFER IN THE VILLAGE OF MIDLOTHIAN COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS

The Board of Fire and Police Commission will be accepting applications for lateral transfer to the Police Department of the Village of Midlothian. Applications are available starting December 9, 2013 at the Midlothian Village Hall, 14801 S. Pulaski, Midlothian, Illinois, and should be filled out correctly and completely and returned on or before December 20, 2013 by 5:00 pm.

### BENEFITS

Competitive salary and benefits include paid vacation, partially paid health insurance, longevity increases, retirement plan and optional credit union.

The Village of Midlothian reserves the right to alter salaries and benefits and that employment shall confer any vested right except as may be provided by law.

### QUALIFICATIONS

1. Applicants must be of good moral character, sound health and free criminal convictions or no Court Supervision for offenses criminal in nature. Must be able to read and write the English language, must possess a valid driver's license without record of suspension or revocation in any state.
2. Applicants must have certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a certified full time police officer.
3. Applicants must be in good standing with the police department the applicant currently serves or applicant must have served and left a police department in good standing within six months of application for hire with the Midlothian Police Department.
4. Applicants must have two (2) years of full time police or law enforcement experience in the State of Illinois.
5. Every applicant must be not less than twenty four (24) years of age or over forty (40) years.
6. Residency Requirements: Within one year of the date of employment with the Village of Midlothian or within thirty (30) days of completion of the probationary period, whichever date is later, employees must establish residency within the area defined by the Village of Midlothian. As a condition of employment, employees must maintain residency during their time of employment.

Salary: The starting salary for entry level lateral transfer officers is $43,000.00 annually. Upon completion of the field training program, the salary will be adjusted to the one year level of $57,040.00 annually.

Applications for the Lateral Transfer List will be received for a fee of $25.00 at the Midlothian Village Hall, 14801 S. Pulaski Rd., Midlothian, IL. Applications will be received on a "First Come, First Served" basis and placed on an active List in that order.

# Donate To Township's Holiday Program

**Supervisor Paul O'Grady and the Board of Trustees would like to send a huge "thank you" to the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce and its members for donating a large amount of food and toys, as well as a monetary donation, to the Orland Park Food Pantry. The Chamber hosted its annual Holiday Party on Monday, Dec. 2 at Papa Joe's Restaurant in Orland Park, where donations were collected to benefit the Township's Holiday 2013 Program.**

**Chamber executive director Keloryn Putnam and Chamber member Dave Kemp delivered the donations to the Township Office on Tuesday, Dec. 3. The Chamber's Holiday Party grossed multiple large kitchen bags filled with new toys, as well as armfuls of canned goods and a very generous monetary donation.**

**"Honorable gifts like this really do make the holiday season brighter for families in need," said Supervisor Paul O'Grady. "Orland Township is so thankful that our community can come together to make great occasions like this happen. Many thanks to the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce for hosting such a spectacular event."**

**Orland Township would like to thank everybody who has contributed to this year's Holiday Program- your thoughtfulness and support is much appreciated! To learn more about the Holiday 2013 Program, follow Supervisor Paul O'Grady and Orland Township on Facebook, www.facebook.com/supervisorogrady, or visit www.orlandtwp.org.**

# Senior American Idol Audition Now Open

Supervisor Paul O'Grady and the Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the second season of "Senior American Idol," a fundraiser for the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation. Auditions for this event will be held on Thursday, Jan. 23rd at 6 p.m. in the Orland Township Activity Center, 14807 S. Ravina Ave. Check-in on Jan. 23rd is at 5:45 p.m. Auditions are open to seniors age 55 and older. Participants are required to perform a song of their choice (no more than two minutes long) a cappella in front of a panel of judges. Auditions are FREE. If chosen to be a Senior Idol Contestant for the show in May, participants will be required to pay the contestant fee of $30. Call Orland Township at (708) 403-4222 to register for auditions.

Orland Township's Senior American Idol will be held at Georgino's Banquets, 8800 W. 159th Street, from 5 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6th. Tickets for this event will be on sale starting Thursday, Feb. 6th.

"Orland Township's Senior American Idol was not only a terrific event for our seniors," said Supervisor O'Grady, "but it also benefitted the Orland Township Scholarship Foundation, making it a victory for the Orland Township community as a whole. We're looking forward to another success this year."

To stay up to date on events like this and other happenings in Orland Township, be sure to follow Supervisor Paul O'Grady and the Township on Facebook or visit the website www.orlandtwp.org.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF APPROPRIATION HEARING, VILLAGE OF EVERGREEN PARK

Public notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 7:30 P.M. January 6, 2014 in the board room of the Village Hall, 9418 South Kedzie Avenue, Evergreen Park, Illinois on the proposed appropriation ordinance for the fiscal year beginning November 1, 2013 and ending October 31, 2014. A copy of the proposed appropriation ordinance or tentatively prepared appropriation document will be available for public inspection in the office of the Village Clerk, at said address, on or after December [illegible], 2013.

Read...
ALL POINTS
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Orland Park

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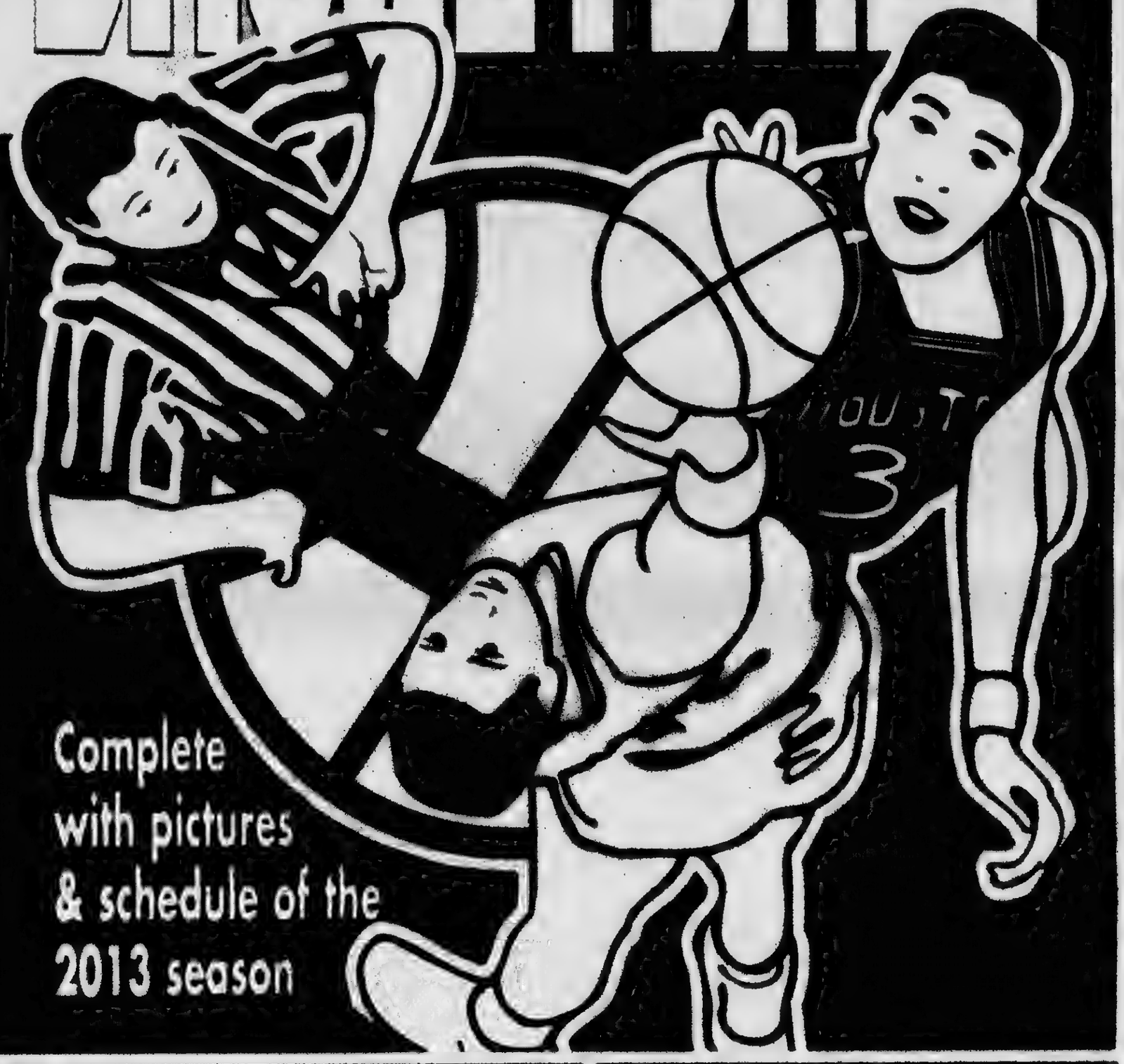

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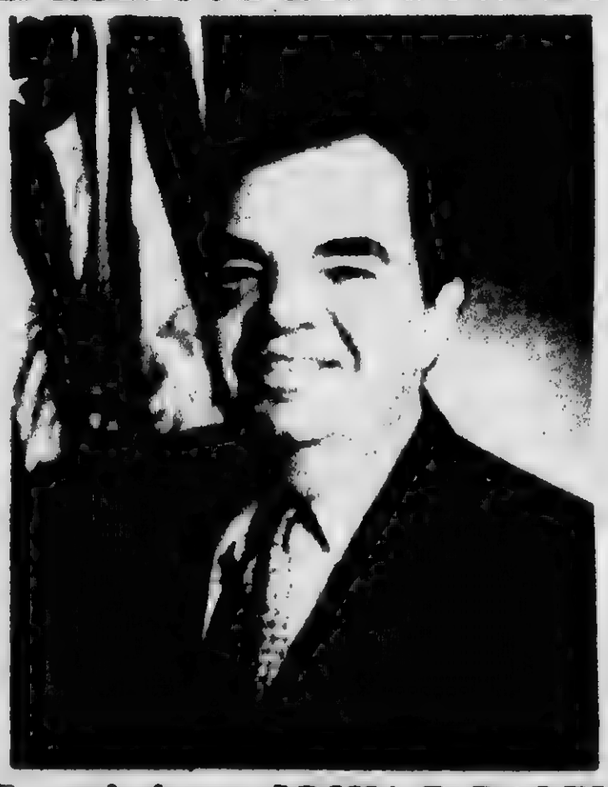

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COOK COUNTY BOARD
11th DISTRICT

# OAK LAWN SPARTANS

JASON RHODES

The Oak Lawn Community High School Basketball Roster for the 2013-2014 season includes Carlos Alvarado, Joe Cocuzza, Sami Jadrawi, Nate Jones, Nick Micele, Leo Nelson, Brad Norris, Emmet Nugent, Josh Prince, Kenneth Richardson, Jalen Ross, Ibrahim Samra, Justin Schutt, Spencer Smith, David Stacy and Mitch Swatek.

Head Coach:
Jason Rhodes
Assistant Varsity Coach:
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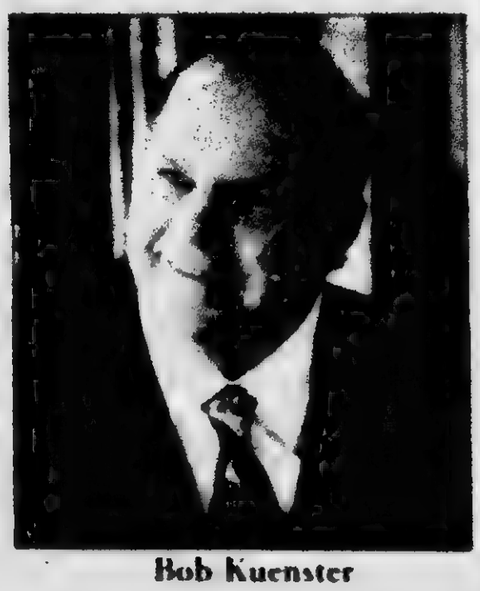
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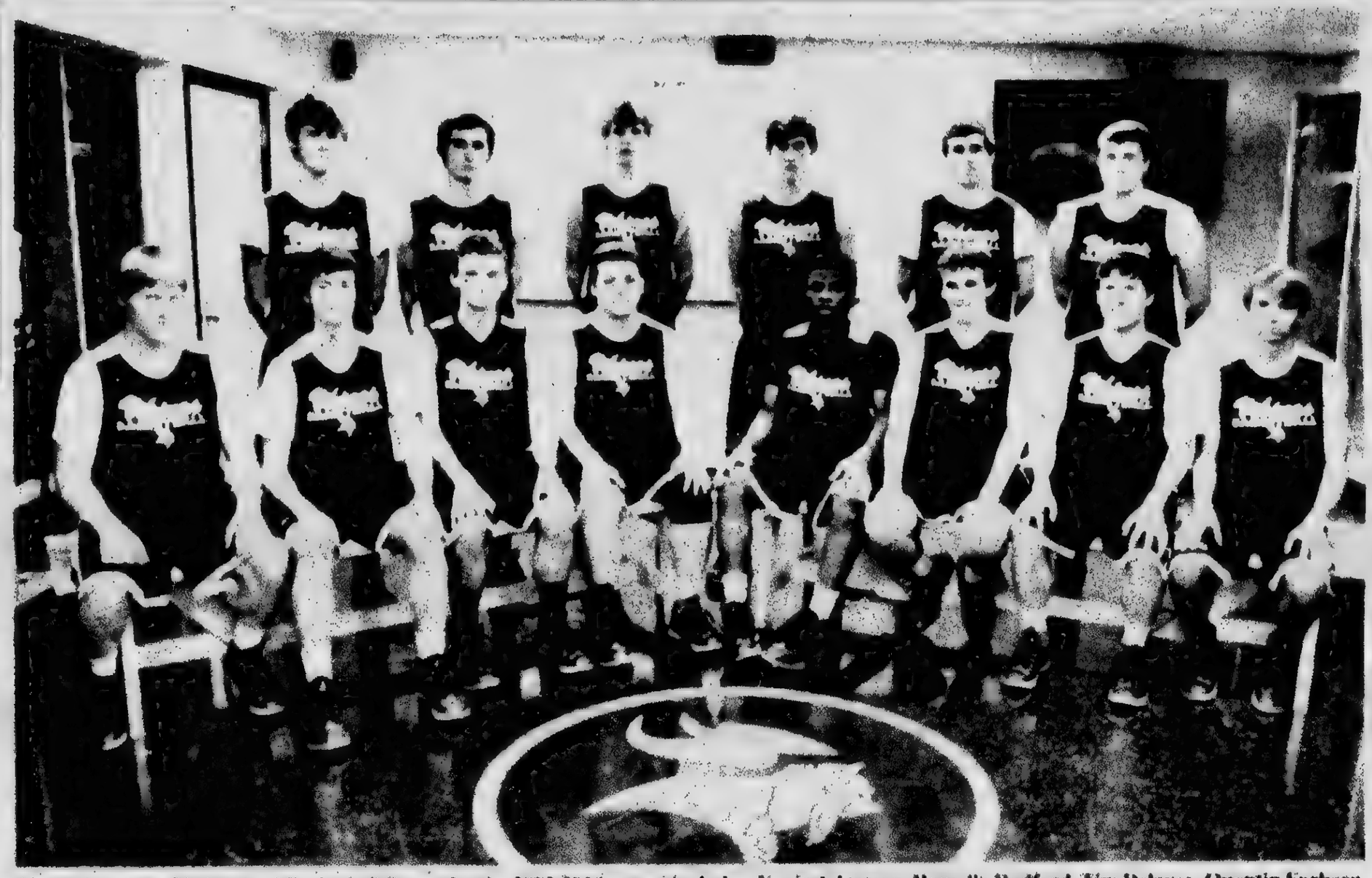
**December**
13 Lemont A 7:00 p.m.
20 Oak Forest A 7:00 p.m.
26, 27, 28, 30 Aurora East Holiday Tournament A TBA

**January**
7 Stagg A 6:00 p.m.
10 Hillcrest H 7:00 p.m.
14 Bremen A 6:30 p.m.
17 T.F. South H 7:00 p.m.
18, 20 WWS MLK Shootout A TBA
28 Chicago Christian H 7:00 p.m.
31 Shepard H 7:00 p.m.

**February**
4 Eisenhower A 7:00 p.m.
7 Reavis H 7:00 p.m.
11 Fenton A 7:00 p.m.
14 Eisenhower A 7:00 p.m.
21 Richards H 7:00 p.m.
25 Lindblom A 5:00 p.m.
28 Evergreen Park H 7:00 p.m.

# ST. LAURENCE VIKINGS

MARK SEVEDGE



The St. Laurence High School Basketball Roster for the 2013-2014 season includes: Kevin Aderman, Romello Radford, Tim Delaney, Quentin Forberg, Dan Cummings, John Gould, Dan Curley, Mike Witkowski, Don Curley, Matt Gargone, Tom Condito, Bob Kelly, Rich Lamb, and Mike Finger.

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VIKINGS

Head Coach: Mark Sevedge


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***Frank Pajak, Trustee***

***Louise Zelinski, Trustee***


## ST. LAURENCE REMAINING GAMES

**December**

13 St. Francis de Sales H 7:30 p.m.

17 De La Salle A 6:30 p.m.

26, 27, 28 Centralia Holiday Tournament A TBA

**January**

7 Loyola H 7:00 p.m.

10 St. Ignatius A 7:00 p.m.

14 Marist A 7:30 p.m.

17 Gordon Tech H 7:00 p.m.

21 Hancock H 7:00 p.m.

24 St. Joseph H 7:00 p.m.

31 Fenwick A 7:00 p.m.

**February**

4 Shepard H 7:00 p.m.

7 Leo H 7:00 p.m.

11 Argo A 7:30 p.m.

14 Mount Carmel A 7:00 p.m.

25 Reavis A 7:00 p.m.

# EVERGREEN PARK MUSTANGS

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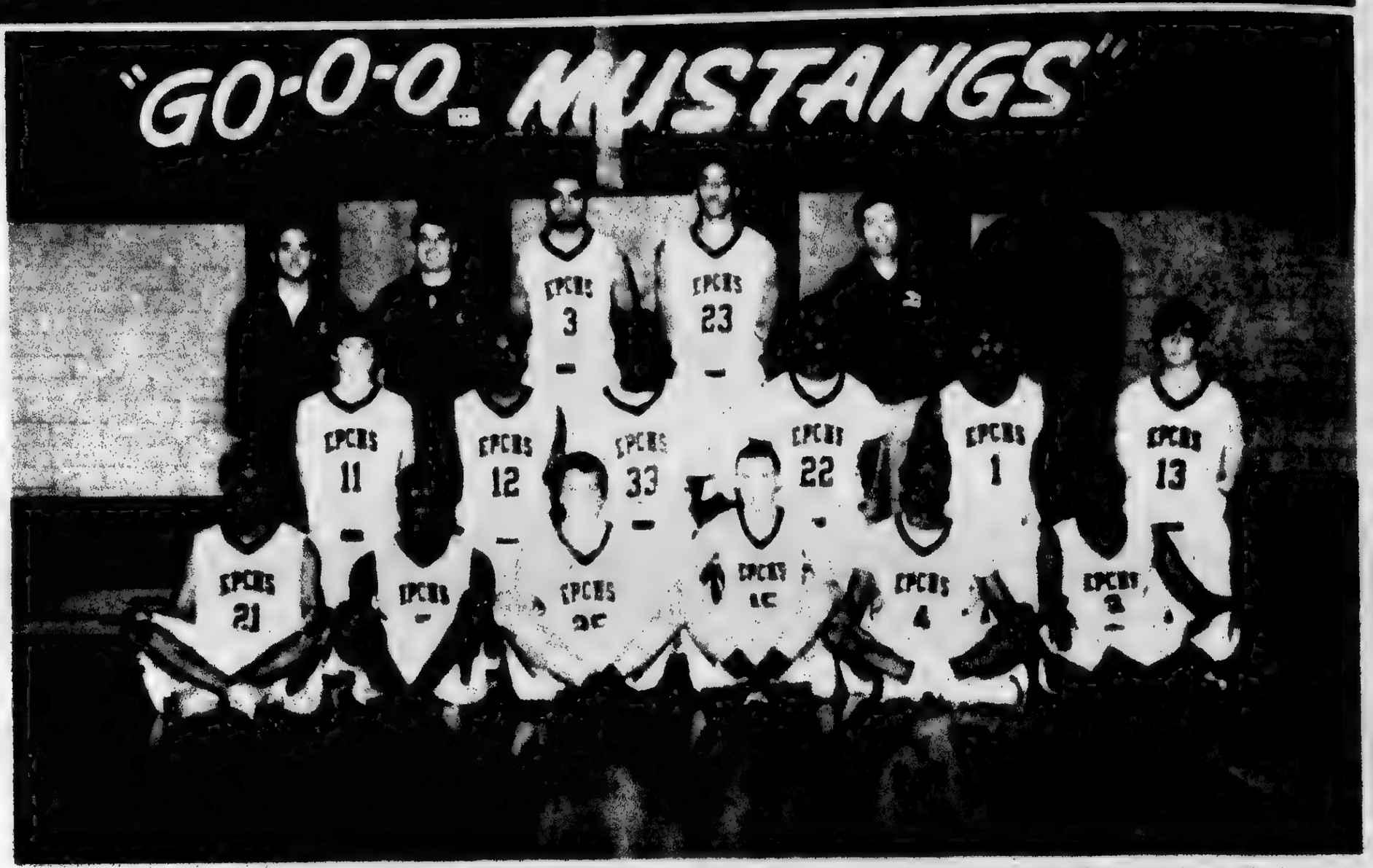


The Evergreen Park Community High School Basketball Roster for the 2013-2014 season includes: Jacquet McClendon, Shawn Hughes, Alex Cheatham, Isaac Matthews, Tobi Oladejo, Joseph Moran, Jordan Brown, Samuel Kennedy, Jake Quigley, David Langston, Tony Weatherspy Jr., Darren Pritchell, Tyler Sorbellini and Gariba Issaka.

Head Coach: Pat Flannigan

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Mark Phelan, Village Trustee
Mary Keane, Village Trustee


## EVERGREEN PARK REMAINING GAMES

**December**
- 13 Tinley Park A 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Lemont H 6:30 p.m.
- 26, 27, 28, 30 Immaculate Conception Invite A TBA

**January**
- 10 Oak Forest H 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Indian Creek A 6:00 p.m.
- 14 Hillcrest A 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Bremen H 6:30 p.m.
- 18, 20 Moline Invite A TBA
- 24 Shepard H 7:00 p.m.
- 31 Eisenhower A 7:00 p.m.

**February**
- 4 Ag School H 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Richards H 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Leo A 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Reavis A 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Lincoln-Way West H 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Argo H 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Oak Lawn A 7:00 p.m.

# H.L. RICHARDS BULLDOGS

JOHN CHAPPETTO

RICHARDS

BULLDOGS

The Richards High School Basketball Roster for the 2013-2014 season includes: Spencer Iears, Ameen Hussein, Robert Jones, Lucas White, Dedrick Shannon Jr., Tracey Spencer, Thaer Othman, Greg Slaughter, Jordan Cottrell, Deon Alexander, Angelo Anagnostopolous, KJ Conner, Javian Cathedge, Josh Meier, and Marcus Burton.
Head Coach: John Chappetto
Assistant Coaches: Michael Murphy, Corey Wolf and Dwayne McGhee

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## H.L. RICHARDS REMAINING GAMES

**December**

13 I.F. South H 7:00 p.m.
17 Brother Rice A 7:00 p.m.
20 I.F. North A 6:00 p.m.
26, 27, 28 Kankakee Christmas Tournament A TBA

**January**

7 Marian Catholic A 7:30 p.m.
10 Tinley Park H 7:00 p.m.
14 Lemont Township A 7:00 p.m.
17 Oak Forest A 7:00 p.m.
18, 20 Rockford Jefferson Invite A TBA
24 Argo A 7:00 p.m.
31 Hubbard H 6:30 p.m.

**February**

7 Evergreen Park A 6:30 p.m.
14 Shepard A 7:00 p.m.
18 Reavis H 7:00 p.m.
21 Oak Lawn A 7:00 p.m.
28 Eisenhower H 7:00 p.m.

# REAVIS RAMS

JEFFREY SMITH

The Reavis High School Basketball Roster for the 2013-2014 season includes: Daniel Zak, Abraham Kheireddin, Azmi Zamot, Isaiah Alpeche, Krzysztof Remiasz, Magd Zaidan, Belal Abuzir, Calvin Jordan, Luel Robles, Lukasz Gabrys, Dawid Kasprzak, Abdanirkman Ishtaiah, Eduard Puha, Joseph O'Hara, Adrian Szwab and Abdel-Rhman Mohamed.

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Assistant Head Coach Jim Tracy

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## REAVIS REMAINING GAMES

**December**

13 Bremen H 7:00 p.m.
20 T.F. South A 7:00 p.m.
26, 27, 28, 30 Homewood Christmas Classic A TBA

**January**

4 Montini A 6:00 p.m.
10 T.F. North H 7:00 p.m.
20 Universal School H 7:00 p.m.
24 Eisenhower A 7:00 p.m.
31 Argo H 7:00 p.m.

**February**

7 Oak Lawn A 7:00 p.m.
14 Evergreen Park A 7:00 p.m.
18 Richards A 7:00 p.m.
21 Shepard H 7:00 p.m.
25 St. Laurence H 7:00 p.m.
28 Lemont A 7:00 p.m.

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The Bremen High School Basketball Roster for the 2013-2014 season includes: Pierre Martin, Deamonta Carpenter, Louis Johnson, Deon Jackson, Marco Kirkwood, Keantay Hamilton, Mack Holder, Davonta Malone, Chriseun Noble, Jeremiah Wilson, Tony Weathersby, Deon Dodson, Derrick Field, and Chris Coleman.
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**December**

13 Reavis A 7:00 p.m.
16 Gary Comer College Prep A 6:30 p.m.
19 Argo H 6:30 p.m.
26, 27, 28, 30, 31 York Varsity Journey A TBA

**January**

10 Shepard A 7:00 p.m.
14 Oak Lawn H 6:30 p.m.
16 Evergreen Park A 6:30 p.m.
23 I.H. South A 7:00 p.m.
27 Southland College Prep Charter A 7:00 p.m.
30 Hillcrest H 6:30 p.m.

**February**

1 Jones College Prep A 1:30 p.m.
4 Gary Comer College Prep A 7:00 p.m.
7 Lemont H 6:30 p.m.
14 Kennedy A 6:30 p.m.
18 Tinley Parkol A 6:30 p.m.
21 Oak Forest a H 6:30 p.m.
27 I.H. North HH 6:30 p.m.

# SANDBURG EAGLES

TODD ALLEN

SANDBURG EAGLES

The Carl Sandburg High School Basketball Roster for the 2013-2014 season includes: Eric Straka, Matt Piazza, Alec Martinez, Niko Kaglanis, Joe Ruzevich, Omar Mansour, Jacob Hyde, Tommy Demogerontas, Peter Pavinos, Lee Demogerontas, John Manthey, Mo Abed, Niko Cahur, Frank Demogerontas and TJ Vorva.

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## SANDBURG REMAINING GAMES

**December**

12 Joliet Central A 6:30 p.m.
14 Lyons Township A 5:00 p.m.
17 Lockport A 7:00 p.m.
26, 27, 28, 30, 31 York Holiday Tournament A TBA

**January**

10 Joliet West H 6:30 p.m.
18 Stagg A 2:00 p.m.
20 Joliet Center A 4:30 p.m.
24 Homewood-Flossmoor A 7:00 p.m.
25 Glenbard East A 4:00 p.m.
31 Bolingbrook H 6:30 p.m.

**February**

4 Lincoln-Way East A 6:30 p.m.
7 Joliet Central H 6:30 p.m.
11 Lockport H 6:30 p.m.
14 Joliet West A 7:00 p.m.
18 Andrew A 6:30 p.m.
21 Stagg H 6:30 p.m.
25 Homewood-Flossmoor H 7:00 p.m.
28 Bolingbrook A 7:00 p.m.

# ST. RITA MUSTANGS

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The St. Rita High School Basketball Roster for the 2013-2014 season includes: Charles Matthews, Treston Forbes, Armani Chaney, Victor Law, Brandon McRoy, Spencer Goodman, Jimmy Falk, Te'mon Green, Billy Danaher, Grant Mullin, Dominique Matthews, Chris Williams, Meshach Obafemi, Khalen David, Demauris Dixon and Myles Carter.
Head Coach: Gary DeCesare
Assistant Coaches: Kenton Terrell, Pat Connolly, Bill Judge, Shaun Napatai

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## ST. RITA REMAINING GAMES

**December**
- 13 Leo H 7:00 p.m.
- 18-22 Iolani Prep Classic in Honolulu, Hawaii

**January**
- 4 Timbervolves Shootout in Minneapolis
- 7 De La Salle A 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Providence H 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Loyola Academy H 7:00 p.m.
- 17-18 Burger King Classic in Erie, PA
- 21 Bishop McNamara H 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Brother Rice A 7:00 p.m.
- 31 Hales Franciscan A 7:00 p.m.

**February**
- 4 Marist H 7:00 p.m.
- 7 St. Francis de Sales A 7:00 p.m.
- 11 St. Ignatius College Prep A 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Seton Academy H 7:00 p.m.
- 16, 19-22 CCL Championship Tournament
- 28 St. Joseph H 7:00 p.m.

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Common Questions Asked By Our Readers

**Question:** I plan to do a great deal of holiday shopping online. How can I shop safely using the Internet?

**Answer:** When shopping online, be sure to make your purchases through a legitimate retailer. Pay with a credit card on a website that you know is secure (one that begins with "https" and has a locked padlock icon). Keep a record of all transactions, and review your credit card bill for accuracy.

**Question:** What penalties might an intoxicated motorist face if stopped by a police officer?

**Answer:** The approaching holiday season typically means increased enforcement by police for motorists who drive while intoxicated. In Illinois, a DUI can lead to serious penalties including large fines, driver's license suspension, and jail or prison time. These penalties increase if a drunk driver causes an accident or injures someone. Driving under the influence (DUI) charges are brought against any driver testing at .08 percent BAC (blood alcohol content) or higher. Stricter penalties apply for drivers with a BAC of .20 percent or more, as well as drivers who refuse to comply with BAC testing. Drivers under the age of 21 may not have any blood-alcohol content upon being tested.

**Question:** If I am at a stoplight waiting for the light to turn green, am I breaking the law by sending a text message?

**Answer:** If your foot is on the brake pedal, writing, sending or receiving a text message is a violation of the law punishable by a citation carrying a fine. There are certain exceptions. For example, drivers may pull over to the side of the road to text, or they can shift their car into park or neutral while stopped in traffic.

**Question:** I have heard that con artists are preying on people about all the confusion over the Affordable Care Act. How can I protect myself & my loved ones from this kind of fraud?

**Answer:** It has been reported that some unscrupulous con artists are taking advantage of the changing health care insurance landscape by preying on individuals. To avoid becoming a victim, do not provide any personal information to a door-to-door solicitor who may claim to be a government official working for Medicaid. Be wary of marketers who push expensive add-on policies, especially to those on Medicare who don't need the extra coverage. Also, be aware of websites that may look official but are actually "bait" set by operators who claim to be selling insurance but want your identity and your money.

**Question:** Can a lender or property manager break into and secure a home that is in foreclosure without giving advance notice to the owner?

**Answer:** Property managers have the right to break into and secure homes which are in foreclosure in order to protect lenders' interests. However, they need to give notice in advance or risk performing a criminal act. While there are clauses in many mortgage contracts that say the lender can secure the property, there is no enforceable clause that allows a property manager to enter a home without notification. There is an exception to this rule if the house has been abandoned. An experienced lawyer can provide further information.

**Question:** What laws are in place to protect residents from having their heat disconnected in cold weather?

**Answer:** Between Dec. 1 and March 31, gas and electric companies cannot legally terminate heating services for non-payment unless the customer was offered and refused to enter into a payment plan, or the outdoor temperature is 32 degrees or higher. Also, the company must have notified the customer about the pending disconnection by U.S. mail at least eight days prior to the termination or delivery of a notice five days prior. Local municipalities may also have their own ordinances further outlining when heat may or may not be disconnected.

**Question:** What methods to enforce child support payments are available if the supporting parent claims to be unemployed?

**Answer:** Attorneys have a number of methods at their disposal to enforce court-ordered child support payments. If the supporting parent claims to be unemployed, the non-custodial party can get a court order, ensuring that the "unemployed" parent maintain a job diary. The court can also order the non-custodial parent to participate in a government-sponsored job placement service and have that parent complete a financial disclosure statement to be reviewed by the court and attorneys. Other methods to enforce support include suspending a parent's driver's license and the right to a U.S. passport, seizing assets of the non-custodial parent to repay child support debt, and reporting the deadbeat parent to credit reporting agencies.

**Question:** Under what circumstances can an underage offender be sentenced to boot camp instead of prison?

**Answer:** Under Illinois law, offenders ages 17 to 35 who commit non-violent acts, such as robbery or burglary, can be sentenced to boot camp or probation instead of prison. But for so-called "forcible felonies," such as armed robbery, boot camp is not an option.

**Question:** If I am paid a salary, can I still qualify for overtime pay?

**Answer:** Perhaps. You are paid a salary if you regularly receive a predetermined amount each pay period. An employee being paid on a salary basis is not automatically exempt from receiving overtime pay. The primary duties you perform on your job must be exempt to disqualify you for overtime pay. For more information, visit the U.S. Department of Labor website at www.dol.gov.

**Question:** What laws govern the delivery of cable and video services in Illinois?

**Answer:** Under Illinois' Cable and Video Customer Protection Law, cable and video television providers must provide installation within seven days of a customer order. They must also repair service disruptions within 24 hours after being contacted by a customer, and they must provide the customer with total costs of any service and repairs before the work is performed. For information, visit illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/Understanding_Your_Rights_Dvd.pdf

**Question:** At what point should someone create an estate plan?

**Answer:** You should have an estate plan if you are the parent of minor children, own property, and care about end-of-life health care treatment. An estate plan is composed of one or more documents used to control health care decisions, your property in the event of incapacity, and the distribution of your property in the event of death. Documents may include a Will, Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, a Living Will, Durable Power of Attorney for Property, and a Living Trust. An experienced lawyer can provide further information and assist you in drawing up an estate plan.


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# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Navy Airman Apprentice Kiara M. Davis recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. She is the daughter of Edward Davis of Country Club Hills and Michelle J. Phillips of Crestwood. Davis is a 2013 graduate of Tinley Park High School in Tinley Park.

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Army National Guard Spec. Adam E. Franson has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Missouri, which included basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT). Franson is the son of Kathy and Karl Franson of Tinley Park. He is a 2007 graduate of Evergreen Park High School. He received a bachelor's degree in 2011 from Benedictine University, Lisle.

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Navy Seaman Matthew R. Gallagher recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes. He is the son of Thomas J. and Robin G. Gallagher of Bridgeview. Gallagher is a 2008 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

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Operation Gratitude, the non-profit volunteer-based Military and Veteran support organization, celebrated its historic One Millionth Care Package when it rolled off the assembly line on Dec. 7th to the cheers of thousands of volunteers, supporters, Military Brass, Elected Officials and Hollywood, California celebrities.

Six World War II Veterans were honored guests, including Lt. Colonel Bob Friend, a Tuskegee Airman, and Hea Cohen, the oldest living female World War II Veteran at 103 years of age.

To the delight of their fans, celebrities Leah Remini, Joe Mantegna, Stelio Savante, Bill Jones and cast members from the new TV show "Enlisted" joined the festivities, as well as Dodger great Al "The Bull" Ferrara, and radio host and author, Michael Reagan.

Two Assembly Lines were in full swing, producing 3,000 care packages in just two hours. In addition, the activities included Military and First Responder Booth, fun games with prizes for young children, a letter writing area with custom-printed holiday cards for the troops, a paracord bracelet workshop, and a photo booth.

The backdrop to the entire event was the moving replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall, presented by American Veterans Traveling Tribute, where a special memorial program was held in front of the Wall.

This event was the kick-off to Operation Gratitude's next Million Care Packages in support of U.S. Military. Operation Gratitude annually sends 100,000-plus care packages filled with snacks, entertainment, handmade items and personal letters of appreciation addressed to Veterans, First Responders, Wounded Warriors, Care Givers and to individually named U.S. Service Members deployed in hostile regions.

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The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) hosted a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 7th at the Disabled American Veterans' Club at Lake Springfield as a salute to the survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor, as well as all those who served in World War II. "These heroes served at a critical point in history, ensuring that freedom and democracy were preserved and passing on a legacy of courage and sacrifice to all who have worn the American uniform since," said Erica Borggren, Director, Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs.

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The Illinois Joining Forces (IJF) 2013 Annual Summit was held on Tuesday, Dec. 10th at the Union League Club of Chicago to bring together a statewide network of over 200 military and veteran serving organizations dedicated to helping them navigate the "Sea of Goodwill".

IJF is a nation-leading program through which more than 200 military and veteran-serving organizations work together to create a "no wrong door" system of support in Illinois. The Summit served to facilitate further collaboration between these organizations as they set programs and priorities for 2014. This year also marks the launch of version 2.0 of the IJF website, through which Illinois Service Members, Veterans, and their Families can better search for and connect directly with local support and services. There is no cost for these services and individuals do not have to sign up to use the "Find Resources" section of the website to search for services and programs from IJF member organizations, or to receive help directly from the IJF Support Team in finding the right resource.

IJF was announced in 2012 as a public-private partnership established by the Illinois Department of Military Affairs (IDMA) and Department of Veterans' Affairs to improve the quality of life for thousands of military members and veterans throughout the state.

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Quote of the Week. *Human kindness has never weakened the stamina or softened the fiber of a free people. A nation does not have to be cruel to be tough.* – Franklin D. Roosevelt

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***Good-bye until next time. God bless you and your family and God bless America and our Troops.***

# *Oak Lawn's Fletcher Shines On Tennis Court*

**Going into this year's girls' tennis season, it's safe to say head coach Dan Doyle didn't exactly know what he had for the season ahead. However, that all changed virtually in the blink of an eye and the rest is history. Oak Lawn sophomore Alexis Fletcher (pictured) came out of nowhere, moved up to varsity, played number-one singles, won conference, placed fourth at sectionals and advanced to the IHSA State Tournament all in her first year of playing high school tennis.**

**"I first met Alexis on Picture Day," Doyle said. We take two team pictures, one for varsity and one for junior varsity. She is a sophomore, so she should have taken a picture with the JV. After she got her uniform on, I asked her if she could hit the ball as well as a varsity player that was warming up on the court. She looked at me kind of funny and said she didn't want to brag, but yes she could hit it better.**

**So I asked her to hit it with me. She spun me out of the court with a forehand topspin, and then did the same with a backhand smash, and then again with a flurry of hard hit, well directed forehands and backhands. I looked at her and said, "You take a picture with the varsity."**

**While Fletcher claimed the number-one singles spot, Paulina Kotwica also excelled for the Spartans at number-two singles. Both Fletcher and Kotwica raced through the South Suburban Conference Red dual meets and the conference tournament without a single loss. At the conference meet, they both won gold medals.**

**"Alexis instantly gave us a chance to win the conference," Doyle said. "Other coaches that I would meet would come up to me and say that they had heard Oak Lawn had a stellar player. And they wanted to see her for themselves."**

**And they did, almost to the tune of winning the conference title as a team. The Spartans fell just one point short.**

**The next week, both Fletcher and Kotwica starred again at the IHSA Sectional. Fletcher finished fourth and advanced to State.**

**"I think the State Tournament was a good learning experience for her, and I believe she will play in the tournament for the foreseeable future and will be someone other players are going to have to take notice of," Doyle said.**

Seated left to right: [illegible] Vicki Scanlon, [illegible] Standing left to right: [illegible] Margaret Fox, Julie Partelow, Dan Farrington

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Assistant: Ryan Malloy

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## ARGO REMAINING GAMES

**December**

13 Hillcrest H 7:00 p.m.
19 Bremen H 7:00 p.m.
21 Lisle A 5:15 p.m.
26, 27, 28, 30 Romeoville Christmas Classic A TBA

**January**

10 T.F. South H 7:00 p.m.
14 T.F. North A 6:00 p.m.
17 Tinley Park A 6:30 p.m.
21 Stagg A 6:00 p.m.
24 Richards (Alumni Night) H 7:00 p.m.
28 Leyden East A 7:00 p.m.
31 Reavis A 7:00 p.m.

**February**

4 Oak Lawn H 7:00 p.m.
7 Eisenhower H 7:00 p.m.
14 Hubbard H 7:00 p.m.
15 Shepard H 5:00 p.m.
21 Evergreen Park A 7:00 p.m.
28 Shepard A 7:00 p.m.

# OAK FOREST BENGALS

MATT MANZKE

OAK FOREST

BENGALS

The Oak Forest High School Basketball Roster for the 2013-2014 season includes: Andrew Dominik, Jim Smyth, Jason Roland, Tom Shute, David Gray, Julian Raczka, Armon Williams, Connor Rago, Dylan Ross, Christian Tidball, Joe Funkhouser and Kyle Flanagan.

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**December**
- 13 Shepard H 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Oak Lawn H 7:00 p.m.
- 26, 27, 28, 30 Romeoville Tournament A TBA

**January**
- 7 Southland College Prep H 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Evergreen Park A 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Eisenhower H 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Richards H 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Illiana Christian A 7:00 p.m.
- 24 T.F. North A 6:00 p.m.
- 28 Fenton A 7:00 p.m.
- 30 Lemont A 7:00 p.m.

**February**
- 4 Peotone4 H 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Morris H 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Hillcrest H 7:00 p.m.
- 18 T.F. South A 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Bremen A 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Tinley Park H 7:00 p.m.

# BROTHER RICE CRUSADERS

RICH HARRIGAN

The Brother Rice High School Basketball Roster for the 2013-2014 season includes, Kevin Badali, Jack Collins, Jack Conlisk, Dan Scanlon, Luke Mueller, Sal Perez, Kevin Whirity, Ray Rubio, Quinn Siego, Joe Swintek, Jimmy Gallagher, Jack Mahay, Connor Finn, Shane Clifford and Jack Gorman.

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## BROTHER RICE REMAINING GAMES

**December**

- 13 Fenwick A 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Richards H 7:00 p.m.
- 20 St. Joseph H 7:00 p.m.
- 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 York Holiday Tournament A IBA

**January**

- 7 Bishop McNamara H 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Hales Franciscan H 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Nazareth A 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Marist A 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Seton A 7:00 p.m.
- 28 St. Rita H 7:00 p.m.
- 31 Francis de Sales H 7:00 p.m.

**February**

- 7 De La Salle A 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Kennedy A 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Providence Catholic H 7:00 p.m.
- 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 CCL Tournament A IBA

# MARIST REDHAWKS

GENE NOLAN

The Marist High School Basketball Roster for the 2013-2014 season includes: Jeremiah Ferguson, Chamar Hawkins, Brian Sterba, Kyle Reynolds, Brian Holland, Brian Barry, Romelo Burrell, Nic Weishar, Andre Turner, Bradley Hill, Ryan Tucker, Ken Rivard and Kevin Lerma.

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**December**

13 St. Patrick A 7:00 p.m.

17, 18, 19, 23 Marist Redhawk Holiday Invitational H 6:30 p.m.

25, 26, 27, 28 71st Annual Centralia Holiday Tournament A TBA

**January**

4 Carmel A 7:00 p.m.

9 Lindblom H 7:30 p.m.

14 St. Laurence H 7:30 p.m.

17 Harlan H 7:30 p.m.

21 Brother Rich H 7:30 p.m.

24 Nazareth Academy H 7:00 p.m.

28 Chicago Agricultural Science H 7:30 p.m.

31 Marian Catholic A 7:00 p.m.

**February**

4 5th Annual Callahan-Griffin Classic A 7:00 p.m.

7 Benet Academy H 7:00 p.m.

10 Tinley Park A 6:30 p.m.

14 Joliet Catholic H 7:00 p.m.

18 Chicago Vocational H 7:30 p.m.

21 Notre Dame H 7:00 p.m.

26 St. Viator A 7:00 p.m.

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26, 27, 28, 30 Romeoville Journey A TBA

**January**

7 Chicago Christian A 7:30 p.m.

10 Bremen H 7:00 p.m.

14 L.F. South A 7:00 p.m.

17 L.F. North H 7:00 p.m.

24 Evergreen Park A 7:00 p.m.

28 LincolnWay Central H 7:00 p.m.

31 Oak Lawn A 7:00 p.m.

**February**

4 St. Laurence A 7:00 p.m.

11 Peotone A 7:00 p.m.

14 Richards H 7:00 p.m.

18 Eisenhower A 7:00 p.m.

21 Reavis A 7:00 p.m.

25 Plainfield Central H 7:00 p.m.

28 Argo H 7:00 p.m.

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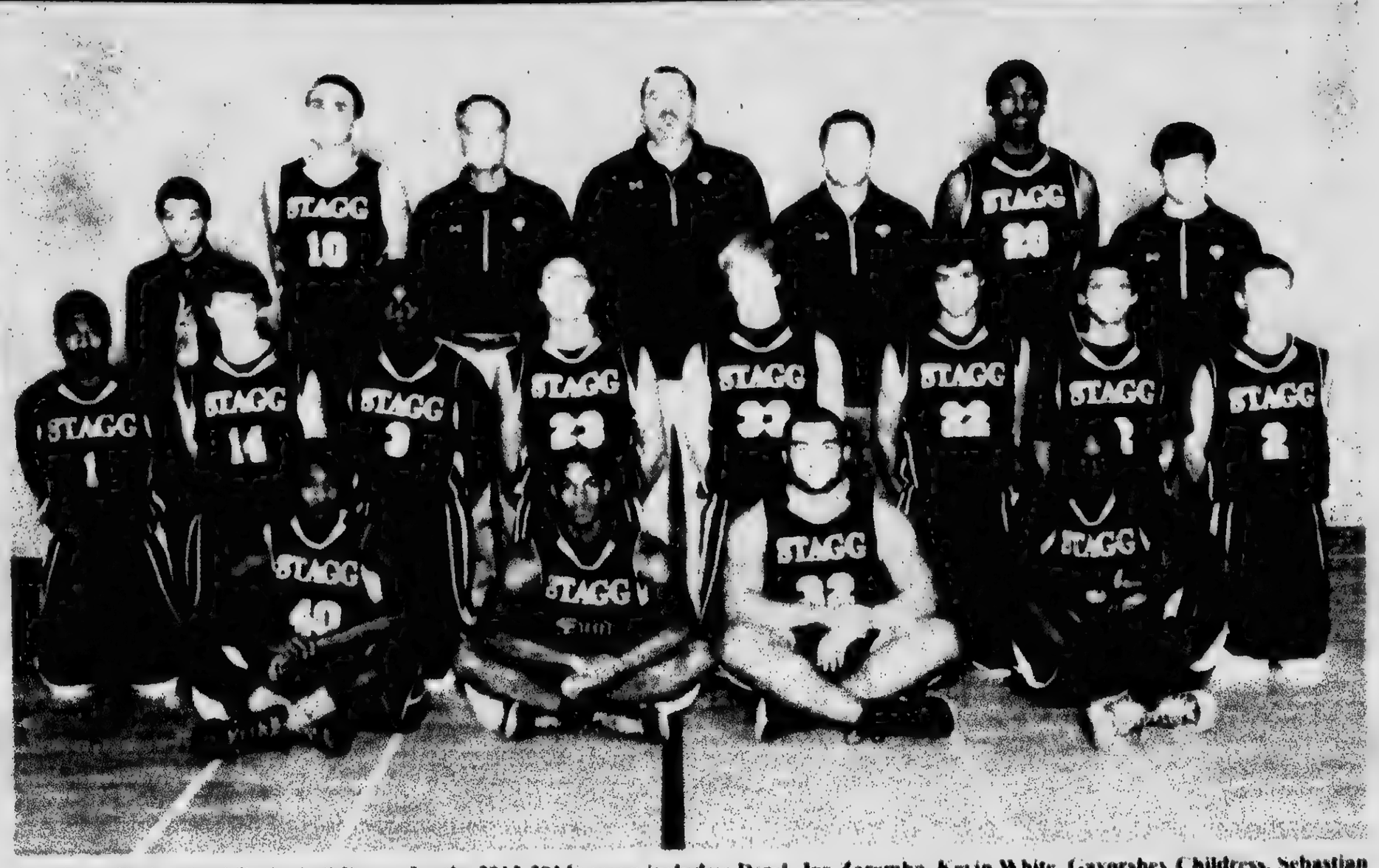

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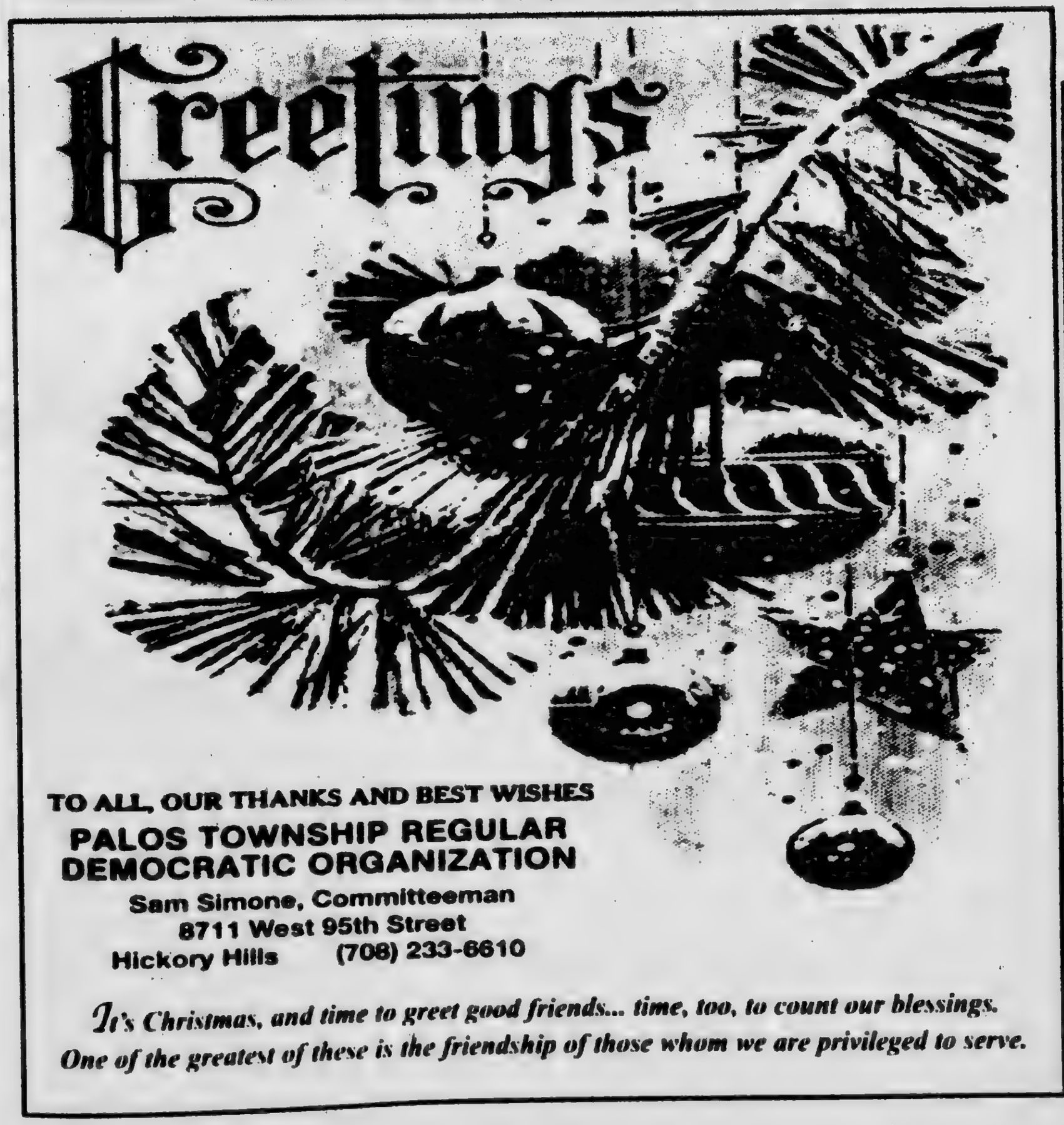


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13 LincolnWay East A 6:30 p.m.
16, 18, 21 Addison Trail Tournament A TBA
17 Bolingbrook H 6:00 p.m.
26, 27, 28, 30, 31 York Tournament A TBA

**January**

7 Oak Lawn H 6:00 p.m.
9 Lockport H 6:30 p.m.
18 Sandburg H 2:00 p.m.
21 Argo H 6:00 p.m.
24 Joliet Central A 6:30 p.m.
31 Joliet West H 7:00 p.m.

**February**

4 Homewood-Flossmoor H 6:30 p.m.
7 Lincoln-Way East H 6:30 p.m.
11 Bolingbrook A 7:00 p.m.
14 Lockport A 7:30 p.m.
21 Sandburg A 6:30 p.m.
25 Joliet Central H 6:30 p.m.
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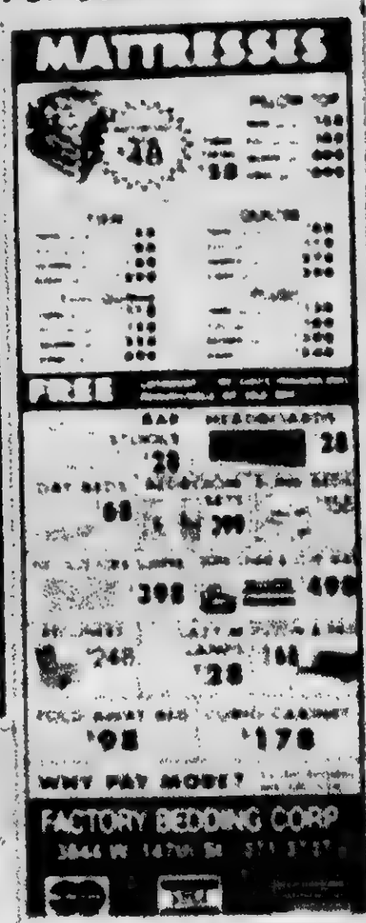


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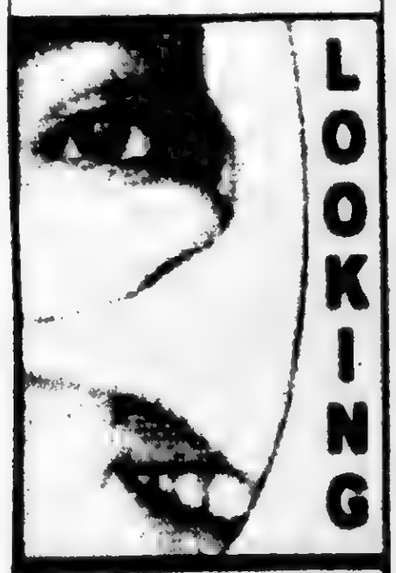


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# Southwest Area Obituaries

### Josephine Anastasia

A Memorial Service was held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Blue Island, on Tuesday for Josephine Jo Anastasia, late of Blue Island. She was the wife of the late Michael.

She is survived by her children Michael (Candy) and Tyler (Cathy), three grandchildren and sibling Marion Wood.

### Kevin D. Bare

Memorial services were held at the Brady-Gill Funeral Home, Tinley Park, on Saturday, with a private interment, for Kevin D. Bare.

He is survived by his wife Nancy Malis Bare, his daughter Rachel A. Bare and his sister Beverley (Carl) Buchner.

### Donna A. Barron

Mass was said at St. Gerard Catholic Church, Markham, on Saturday, for Donna A. Barron. She was the Fourth Ward Alderman for the City of Markham.

She is survived by her husband William "Bill" Barron, her children David (Ronnie) Anderson, Dorie (Matt) Berry, Beth (Bill) Umar and Lauren (Luis) Ayala, and eleven grandchildren.

### Mary Bochniak

Mass was said at Our Lady of the Ridge Church, Chicago Ridge, on Friday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary Bochniak, 77. She was an Avon representative and a longtime member of TOPS.

She is survived by her husband Joseph, her children Anthony (Elizabeth), Edward (Annie), Janet (Thomas) Summonds and Robert (Donna), eight grandchildren and her brothers Salvatore (Bernice) and Anton (Karen) Muscarello.

### William E. Hice

Private services were held at Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, with a private interment for William E. "Bill" Hice, 71, late of Alsip. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a retired member of the Chicago Police Department.

He is survived by his sons Vincent and William, and his sister Dana Hice.

### Edwin W. Kerbs

Mass was said at St. Damian Church, Oak Forest, on Friday, for Edwin W. Kerbs, 70, who passed away on Dec. 1st.

No survivors were listed.

### Jean A. Machara

Services were held at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, Tinley Park, on Tuesday, with a private interment for Jean A. Machara, 55, late of Tinley Park. She was the past president of the Tinley Park American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 615 and a member of the Midlothian VFW Post 2580 Ladies Auxiliary. She was also a volunteer for various veterans' organizations.

She is survived by her husband Frank, her mother Elizabeth Kirby, and her brothers Patrick, Michael, Shawn, Timothy Kirby, and her sister Dawn.

### Elizabeth Maida

Elizabeth Maida (nee Craig) died at home in Orland Park, on Thursday, Dec. 5th. She was 92. She was a veteran of the Navy in World War II. She was the wife of the late Frank J. No services were held at her request.

She is survived by her children Daniel (Joanne) Maida, Kathleen (Robert) Maida-Cantone, Leonard (Kathy) Maida, seven grandchildren and one great grandson.

### Charles Poremba

Mass was said at St. Albert the Great Church, Burbank, on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Charles Poremba.

He is survived by his wife Diane M., his children Charles, Laura (John) Richter, Robert, Rebecca and Richard, and six grandchildren.

### Brock Howard Ramirez

Services were held in Orland Park, with a private interment at Good Shepherd Cemetery, for Brock Howard Ramirez, 29.

He is survived by his father Jesse Ramirez and his sister Kathleen Ramirez.

### Robert Lee St. Aubin

Mass was said at St. Benedict Church, Blue Island, on Tuesday, with interment at St. Benedict Cemetery, for Robert Lee St. Aubin, 80 of Frisco, Texas, formerly of Blue Island. He was a US Marine Corp veteran, serving in Korea and a member of the Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation.

He is survived by his wife Cindy, his children Laura (Rich) Schwartz, Janet (Steve) Erwin, Margot Lovato and Bob (Karen) St. Aubin and his step-children Debbie (Steve) Kelecich, Cassie (Dennis) Dawe and Christy (Gerry) Cross, ten grandchildren, six step-great-grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren, and his siblings Mary Anne (Bob) Rottmann, Leo (Debbie), David and Denise (John) Lewis.

### George Sapulich

Mass was said at Queen of Martyrs Church, Evergreen Park, on Thursday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for George Sapulich, 86, a WWII U.S. Army Veteran. He was a Pennsylvania coal miner and a gas station owner and maintenance mechanic.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, his children Mary Ann Sapulich and Joseph (Cathy) Sapulich and two grandchildren.

### Irene M. Snow

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Thursday, with interment at St. Casimir Cemetery, for Irene M. Snow, 77. She was the wife of the late Jack Snow.

She is survived by her children Susan (Mike) Polgar and Judith (John) Dunk, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### Mary Lou Stevens

Mass was said at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Oak Lawn, on Friday with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Mary Lou Stevens, 81.

She is survived by her husband Nicholas.


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Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle recently marked the end of the county's 2013 construction season at Lake Cook Road, a major arterial thoroughfare in the far northern suburbs that has undergone significant improvements.

"In this, the centennial year of the County's Transportation and Highways Department, I am pleased we have been able to reconstruct or improve 74 lane miles of roadway in municipalities throughout the county," Preckwinkle said. "The variety of projects we completed during the 2013 construction season represents our commitment to maintain our roadways in a manner that promotes safety and economic development."

The nearly $9 million Lake Cook project took about five months to complete and should yield numerous benefits for north suburban commuters, residents and businesses along the stretch of roadway. Lake Cook was widened from four to six lanes between Pfingsten and Waukegan roads in both directions. Dual left turn lanes were provided from Waukegan to Lake Cook.

New traffic and pedestrian [illegible] lighting, sidewalks and [illegible] medians also were included in the project. Among those were officials from Cook and Lake Counties, the Village of Deerfield and other nearby municipalities.

The Lake Cook-Waukegan intersection was a well known choke point for traffic, with approximately [illegible] vehicles a day driving through the intersection. Improvements to Lake Cook will facilitate workers' access to a corporate office corridor located west of Waukegan, aiding regional economic development, a key initiative of Preckwinkle's administration.

Lake Cook is a good example of how a road improvement project will bring multiple benefit, is to this region, Preckwinkle said. Drivers will see less congestion and better traffic flow. Pedestrians will have safer crossings, [illegible] streets, giving them better access to shops and transit. And businesses in the immediate vicinity will be more [illegible] with new lighting.

[illegible] Transportation and Highways [illegible] improvements at a cost of about $42 [illegible] construction season. Other major [illegible] included:

Roadway patching on Schaumburg Road from Barrington Road to Roselle Road. These improvements will eventually supplement the Roselle Road I-90 tollway [illegible] project which is set to begin next year.

Resurfacing Arlington Heights Road from Brantwood Avenue to Higgins Road in Elk Grove Village.

Rehabilitating pavement on 130th Street from Ashland Avenue to Paxton Avenue in Riverdale and Dolton.

Reconstructing and improving drainage for and traffic signals on 88th Avenue from 87th Street to 103rd Street through Hickory Hills and Palos Hills.

Reconstructing and improving drainage for and traffic [illegible] 79th Street from South Park Avenue to the Bishop Ford Freeway in South Holland.


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## *Leo Club Volunteers At South Suburban Humane Society*

**The Leo Club from Shepard High School recently volunteered to help staff and walk dogs at the South Suburban Humane Society.**

**Faculty sponsors Jennifer Klein and Erin Quinlan and the Leo Club visited the animal shelter to help staff on a Sunday. The walked dogs, played with cats, and helped staff with clerical tasks.**

**"The kids were free to pick any dog and walk it for however long. Most walked two dogs that day. They are free now to go back and walk the dogs any time they want," Klein said.**

**Leo Club, the high school affiliate of Lions Clubs International, volunteers at many community events and on-going service projects.**

**Leanne Skuby (pictured), a member of the Leo Club from Shepard High School, volunteered at the South Suburban Humane Society.**

## Click It Or Ticket

From Nov. 18th through Dec. 1st, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) partnered with the Oak Lawn Police Department, in an effort to remind motorists to buckle up and not drive impaired, as part of the merged Click It or Ticket Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over mobilization. The Oak Lawn Police Department joined other state and local law enforcement agencies to reduce highway fatalities by cracking down on unbuckled motorists and impaired drivers, both day and night.

During the mobilization, the Oak Lawn Police Department issued 83 seat belt citations, one child seat safety citation, two DUI arrests, five drug arrests, two warrant arrests, one felony arrest, five suspended/revoked licenses, six uninsured motorists, 14 speeding citations, and 21 other citations.

## *Jewel Donates More Than 40 Dinners To Shepard Food Drive*

**The Jerry Lemon Needy Family Food Drive at Shepard High School this year received more than 40 full turkey dinners from the Jewel Food Store in Palos Heights.**

**The generosity of shoppers at Jewel helped make this year's food drive one of the best in its more than a quarter century of existence. Combined with donations from students and staff, the food drive fed more than 100 families.**

**And for those families that either do not have cars or do not have time to pick up donations, staff members Erin McLean, Brad Fisher, Courtney Siska, and Jim Benes and more than 20 student volunteers delivered turkeys, stuffing, potatoes, and canned goods to them.**

**Teacher Eric Kallenborn found an inventive way to inspire students to give: The class that donated the most could choose, within reason, how he would cut and style his hair. Kallenborn arrived on Monday this week with his hair spiked down the middle and colored a dark purple.**

**"It was completely worth it. Students donated more than $900," Kallenborn said.**

**Despite an economy that has thinned family budgets, the Shepard community again rose to help those living in need.**

**The event traces its history to some good fortune.**

**Lemon, a health teacher, had asked his students to bring in labels from canned foods to discuss nutritional information. Too lazy to peel off the labels, many just brought the cans so Lemon chose to donate them to an area food pantry.**

**In the years that followed, the food drive evolved. After Lemon retired, Shepard teacher Glenn Simms managed the food drive for 20 years before retiring in 2008. He involved more teachers, parents, and Shepard clubs to grow the food drive project into a much larger project.**

**Pictured: Students load turkey dinners into the back of a small school bus for delivery to families unable to pick up their donations.**

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 26 Thursday OL Senior Citizens Commission, 5330 W. 95th St. 10 a.m.

DECEMBER 26 Thursday Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 26 Thursday Worth Township Board Meeting, 11601 S. Pulaski, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 2 Thursday Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JANUARY 2 Thursday Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center Auditorium, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JANUARY 3 Friday Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 12:30 p.m.

JANUARY 4 Saturday District 18 "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon

JANUARY 6 Monday Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 6 Monday Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JANUARY 7 Tuesday Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

JANUARY 8 Wednesday Free Blood Pressure Screenings, Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95th St., 10 to 11 a.m.

JANUARY 8 Wednesday Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

JANUARY 9 Thursday Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

JANUARY 9 Thursday Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

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# Competition Application Deadline

The Young Adult Board of the Beverly Arts Center invites evolving, emerging and non-established visual artists ages 18 to 35 to enter the 7th Annual Evolving Artists Competition at the Center, 2407 W. 111th St. in Chicago. The application deadline is Feb. 2[illegible].

The competition is open to all mediums, including pen, oil, charcoal, pastel, paint, sculpture, collage, graphic design, photographs and prints. Applications are available online at www.beverlyartscenter.org and at the Center. Prizes will be awarded and one sample will be awarded a solo exhibit at the Beverly Arts Center.

Works by finalists and winners will be on exhibit at the Center Feb. 18 through March 18. To submit artwork, email download@www.beverlyartscenter.org. Applications are also available at the Beverly Arts Center. There is a non-refundable application fee of $[illegible] for up to five works. For information, email [illegible]@gmail.com.

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# Volunteers Prepare For Annual Heart To Heart Dinner Dance

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia's committee members and staff are hard at work planning the Center's Annual Heart to Heart Dinner Dance. The committee members are asking for support from local businesses and friends of CCSS by soliciting sponsorships, donations, and advertising space in the event program book. All proceeds from their efforts will benefit the women and children who reside in the Crisis Center's emergency shelter.

"This is our most important fundraiser of the year," commented Chris Beele, special events coordinator for the Crisis Center. "Our committee members work very hard to ensure we not only have event sponsorships, but also fantastic donations for our silent auction," Beele added. The Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014, at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park and includes cocktails and dinner, silent and live auctions, live entertainment by The Jimmy O and Rhonda Lee Duo, and a raffle drawing with seven cash prizes ranging from $500 to $5,000!

Raffle tickets are now on sale, priced at just $50 each, and can be divided among several purchasers. Tickets may be purchased on the Crisis Center's website at www.crisisctr.org/events. Once the order is complete, a raffle ticket will be mailed to the purchaser. A ticket order form (also available online) can be downloaded and mailed with payment to the Crisis Center, P.O. Box 39, Tinley Park, IL 60477. Only 500 tickets will be sold and raffle tickets make great holiday gifts!

Contact Christopher Beele at 708-429-7255, ext. 118 for reservations, sponsorships, and additional information. To date, Diamond Sponsors are Advocate Christ Medical Center and Sheet Metal Works.

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia's mission is to provide emergency shelter and other essential services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence and address the societal issues that contribute to domestic violence.

Visit www.crisisctr.org for more information on the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, ways to support its mission, and the services it provides.

Committee members pictured left to right: (back row) Susan Chirillo, David Anders, Co-Chair Kathleen Mahoney, Therese Dubelbeis, Deborah Bryan, Christopher Beele, Christina Lakerdas and Anne Neary; (front row) Co-Chair Pamela Jeanes, Chair Sally Clair, Vanessa Martinez, Kerri Twietmeyer, Christine Wolliner, Karen Leluga, and Colleen and Ted Mora; Not Pictured: Cecilia Bohan, Daniel Fitzgerald, Edith Lutz, Dr. Barbara McCreary, Nancy Mott, Jan Reed, Cindy Salitta, Carol Sharp, Mary Tierney, Patricia Waine and Randy and Maureen Zych.

# Stop $1 Million In Unemployment Fraud

A new working group to fight fraud stopped more than $1 million in unearned benefits in its first three months of operation, the Illinois Department of Employment Security said on Dec. 3rd. The effort was made possible through an ongoing reorganization to emphasize re-employment services and workforce development while fighting waste, fraud and abuse.

Between September and November, more than 120 individuals applied for benefits in Illinois when they already were collecting benefits in another state or applying for benefits. In the past, IDES' anti-fraud efforts would have uncovered the improper activity after several weeks of payments. Doing so before any benefits are paid better protects the Trust Fund and allows IDES to reinvest staff time in additional efforts to identify waste, fraud and abuse.

"The unemployment insurance program is a balance between paying workers enough to tide them over until they find another job and keeping taxes low so small business owners can invest and grow. Every time we stop benefits before they are wrongfully paid truly is a win-win-win for taxpayers, business and labor," IDES Director Jay Rowell said.

In 2012, IDES launched a long-term reorganization plan that emphasizes returning people to work and workforce development while recognizing smaller operational budgets from federal officials. The reorganization includes IDES' transition to provide employment services in a face-to-face setting and unemployment insurance services through telephone call centers and the internet. The transition also includes behind-the-scenes working groups to improve efficiency, productivity and training, which allowed for the new emphasis that saved more than $1 million in its first three months.

Unemployment benefits come from the Trust Fund. Employers pay into the Trust Fund based on several factors, including the Fund's balance, the business type and the number of workers the business laid off in the preceding year. Stopping improper payments increases the Fund's balance, which applies downward pressure on business taxes.

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# Secretary Of State Office To Close For Holiday

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that all offices and Driver Services facilities will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24th and 25th, in observance of the Christmas holidays.

All Driver Services facilities including those that are normally open Tuesday through Saturday will reopen for regular business on Thursday, Dec. 26th.

Individuals can visit the Secretary of State's website www.cyberdrive.illinois.com to locate the nearest Driver Services facility and hours of operation, change an address, register to become an organ and tissue donor or renew license plate stickers by mail.

# All Points Southwest

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

In churches and homes, in city streets and stores, across the countryside – the spirit of Christmas spreads its joy and its contentment. Soon now, the last-minute hustle and bustle will give way to the highest moments of holiday celebration. It's a time for fun and feasting, a time for light-hearted laughter and heartfelt prayer, a time when friendships are renewed and family ties are strengthened.

Throughout this community, and indeed throughout all the communities where Christmas is celebrated, the spirit of the season finds expression in innumerable ways – among them, the gladness of the gift-giving, the merriment of parties, the happiness of hearth and home and, above all the solemn hush of midnight, traditionally the symbolic time for heralding the Birth of Christ.

From the holly wreath on the door to the packages under the tree, from the gaily decorated scenes in the churches, the customs of Christmas contribute to the meaning of the Day – just as early Christian leaders meant that holiday customs should.

When Christmas first began to be observed on December 25th, churchmen welcomed the idea of incorporating ceremonies and traditions from earlier beliefs into the celebration. They thought that people would feel closer to the new religion if former ways and rituals were not abolished, but instead united with the new rites to honor the birth of Christ.

Today, nearly everyone celebrates Christmas because Christmas belongs to everyone.

For the Christian believer, Christmas is cherished as a religious holiday of paramount importance and as a time meant for joy and festivity, too.

For people of many different faiths, Christmas is beloved as a happy holiday, a secular celebration that gives meaningful expression to universal good will and good cheer.

None of us, in our human limitations, can fully comprehend the meaning of the coming of the Christ. The event is too big, too overwhelming, too tremendous for us to completely understand. But if we are aware of this fact, we are already on the road to understanding. We know, for instance that in the coming of the Child is to be found the clue to the meaning of life – that in Jesus' life is the secret of the universe. It was Bishop Robinson, the author of HONEST TO GOD, who said that in Jesus Christ we have a window into ultimate reality itself, into God, and that in Christ we reach rock bottom – that rock of love on which the whole universe is constructed.

In our secularized society today, we are prone to celebrate Christmas in a most materialistic fashion, often with no understanding at all of the religious significance of the day, and so often we take the great gifts of life without even thinking of what they mean. We accept the love of parent or mate and do not realize what it has meant until they are gone. We accept food and clothing and shelter without ever knowing what it means to be hungry and cold and homeless. We accept the Divine Love without ever thinking what life would be like without it.

But in unexpected moments of revelation, we are struck with wonder and love and praise. Christmas can be such a moment, and to those who receive this revelation, all of life takes on new meaning and purpose, and we receive with humble gratefulness and a new sense of responsibility, God's gifts to us.

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*ALL POINTS ANNUAL Christmas story was written by Elmer Lysen, Messenger Newspapers Editor who passed away in 1976.*

# "Good Tidings Of Great Joy"
# The Gospel According To St. Luke
# King James Version

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up to Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David), to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and round about them and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you, Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God, and saying.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the Shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

# Students Recognized For Academic Achievement

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) is recognizing more than 14,000 students from across the state as this year's Illinois State Scholars. This year's honorees join the ranks of thousands of top Illinois students honored since the prestigious designation was first made in 1958.

Illinois State Scholars rank in approximately the top ten percent of the state's high school seniors. This year represents 675 high schools from across Illinois. Selection is based on ACT, SAT and/or Prairie State Achievement Exam scores and/or on class rank at the end of the junior year. High school guidance counselors work with ISAC to determine the winners.

"It's always a real pleasure to announce the new group of Illinois State Scholars," said Eric Zarnikow, ISAC Executive Director. "These young people don't just represent the best in educational excellence in Illinois. Their hard work and continued success are going to be a key to the state's economic well-being in the future. Regardless of what type of education or training they choose to pursue after high school, we at ISAC wish them all the best in college and in their careers."

Congratulatory letters from ISAC have been sent to honorees, and the agency has provided personalized Certificates of Achievement to each high school for distribution, often at school award ceremonies or assemblies. While this recognition does not include a monetary prize, Illinois State Scholars are encouraged to cite the honor on applications for college admission and scholarships.

"These State Scholar designees can be very proud, and so can all of the families and educators who were part of their achievement," Zarnikow continued.

The ISAC Executive Director also encourages any student interested in attending college next fall to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on or after January 1 to determine eligibility for federal and state aid, including Illinois' need-based Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant. A calendar of free events, including FAFSA completion workshops to assist students and families with the form, is available at www.isac.org/calendar. A wealth of additional financial aid and college planning information is available at ISAC's family of websites: www.isac.org, www.collegechangeeverything.org, and www.college.illinois.org.

## *The Cure For The Cold Weather Is A Warm Heart*

**With the cold weather upon us, Sertoma Centre, Inc. wants to make sure that the more than 725 individuals it serves with developmental disabilities and/or mental illness have adequate winter outerwear. The staff has identified more than 30 individuals who are in need of winter coats this season. They are asking for your help in providing funds to help cover the cost of purchasing coats for these individuals. They will also be supplying food baskets for 15-20 of its consumers and their families who need extra assistance at this time of the year. Holiday donations will also be used to cover these costs.**

**Your generosity can make a difference in the life of a person with disabilities and make you feel all warm inside, too. It's a wonderful way to start the holiday season. Sertoma Centre is thankful to all who give and support individuals with disabilities! If you would like to help, contact Amy Chmura, Director of Advancement and Communications, at (708) 730-6206 or send your check today to Sertoma Centre, Inc. Foundation, Attn: Coat/Food Drive, 4343 West 123rd Street, Alsip, IL 60803.**

**For more information regarding Sertoma Centre, to schedule a tour, volunteer, or to make a donation, contact Amy Chmura, Director of Advancement and Communications, (708)730-6206 or achmura@sertomacentre.org at Sertoma Centre, 4343 West 123rd St., Alsip, IL 60803. www.sertomacentre.org.**

**Pictured: Byron is pleased with his new winter coat. Your generosity will make a difference for Byron and make you feel all warm inside, too.**

# Challenge Issued

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia has been issued an important challenge by The Greer Foundation. The Foundation has stepped forward with an amazing $44,000 Matching Grant for two CCSS programs: Children's Therapy and Fresh Start Teen Dating Violence Prevention. Since its inception, CCSS has counseled children and teens who are victims of domestic violence, helping them move toward healing and safety.

The Greer Foundation invests in organizations throughout Chicago, ensuring that children and teens receive education and treatment to live healthy, violence-free lives. Recognizing the importance of programs offered at CCSS, Greer challenged them to raise $44,000 by midnight, Dec. 31st.

CCSS is asking for help from the community, by giving to the Children's Therapy and/or Fresh Start Teen Dating Violence Prevention every dollar donated to support these services will go twice as far. To donate online, visit www.crisisctr.org, click "donate now" and enter "challenge" in the comments box. Or mail a donation to CCSS, PO Box 10 Tinley Park, IL 60477. Attention: Development Department.

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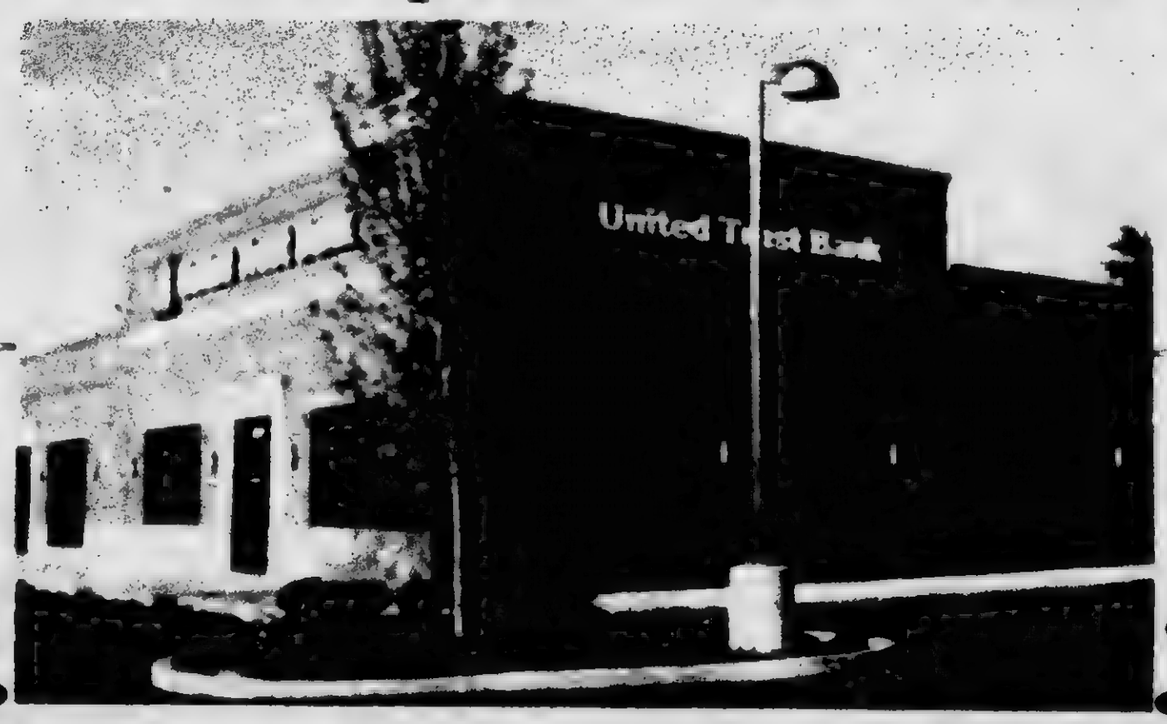


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Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**
5:00 and 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Services

**CHRISTMAS DAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

**NEW YEAR'S EVE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31**
7:00 p.m. Holy Communion

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## SS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**(708) 974-3400**

Schedule of Services for the
Christmas – Epiphany Season

**DECEMBER 2013**

**Wednesday, 18th**
7:00 p.m. **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY UNCTION**
**FOLLOWED BY "Prayer Off" Healing Service** [illegible]
[illegible] presentation on "The Marches of Mary
Orthodox Maternity Home" by Mr. [illegible] Project of
Orthodox Christian for Life

**Saturday, 21st**
[illegible] Divine Liturgy – This Liturgy is celebrated [illegible]
[illegible] Kids Day, Afternoon School and Sunday School [illegible]
[illegible] Christmas Letters. Bread [illegible] baked by Kids Day
afternoon and Sunday School parents

**Sunday, 22nd**
**SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY FEAST OF ST. ANASTASIA**
9:15 a.m. Orthros Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday 24th**
**CHRISTMAS EVE – Feastday of St. Eugenia**
7:30 a.m. Royal Hours of Christmas
5:30 p.m. Vespers/ Liturgy of St. Basil

**Evening**
5:00 p.m. **1st Christmas Divine Liturgy** (the Vespers Choir will chant
responses and will sing Christmas Carols following)

**Wednesday 25th**
**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**
**CHRISTMAS DAY**
9:15 a.m. Orthros/2nd Christmas Divine Liturgy

**Friday, 27th:**
**FEASTDAY OF ST. STEPHEN – First Martyr and Archdeacon**
9:15 a.m. Orthros/Divine Liturgy

**Sunday 29th:**
**SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**
9:15 a.m. Orthros/ Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, 31st:**
7:00 p.m. **GREAT VESPERS** at St. Basil's Church, Chicago

**JANUARY 2014**
**Wednesday 1st**
**NEW YEAR'S DAY – Feastday of the Naming of Christ and St Basil the Great**
9:15 a.m. Orthros/Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
Cutting of Vasilopita (offered by our St. Helen Women's Philoptochos)

**Friday, 3rd**
5:00 p.m. **ROYAL HOURS OF EPIPHANY**

**Sunday 5th**
**EVE OF EPIPHANY (FAST DAY)**
9:15 a.m. Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Blessing of the Waters

**Monday 6th**
**FEASTDAY OF EPIPHANY** – 9:15 a.m. – Orthros/Divine Liturgy
St. Basil Dismissal followed by Greater Blessing of the Waters
His Eminence Metropolitan Iakovos will celebrate the Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Great Vespers – St. John Church, Des Plaines

**Tuesday 7th:**
**SYNAXIS (OR GATHERING) IN HONOR OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**
9:15 a.m. Orthros/Divine Liturgy

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## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**8659 S. Sayre**
**Burbank, Illinois 60459**
**(708) 598-8070**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**
10:00 a.m. – Children's Program & Worship

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE**
11:00 p.m. – Worship with Holy Communion

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY**
10:00 a.m. – Worship with Holy Communion

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Saturday, December 14 – 7 P.M.

**Kingdom Kids Christmas Program**
**"A Live Nativity"**
Sunday, December 15 – 4 P.M.
Refreshments at 5 P.M.
Pictures with animals until 7 P.M.

**Family Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candles**
Tuesday, December 24 – 5:30 P.M.

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***CHRISTMAS MASSES***

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE**
**4:00, 5:30 PM AND 11:00 PM**
**(Carols begin at 10:30)**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY**
**9:30 AND 11:00 AM**

***NEW YEAR'S MASSES***

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, NEW YEAR'S EVE**
**5:30 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, NEW YEAR'S DAY**
**9:30 & 11:00 AM**

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**Tuesday, December 24**
**Christmas Eve Services**
4:00 p.m. Harp & Candlelight Worship Service
10:30 p.m. String Quartet
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service Celebrating
With Carols and Scripture

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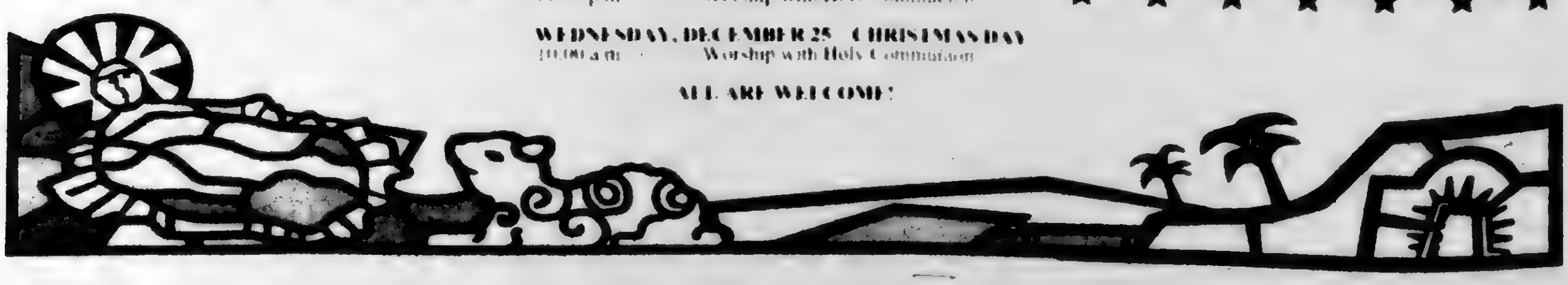

# CHRISTMAS IN CHURCH

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE**
5:00 p.m. Family Worship Service with Communion
10:30 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY**
9:30 a.m. Festival Communion Service

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE**
7:00 p.m. Traditional New Year's Eve Communion Service

## PALOS PARK PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

123rd Street & 88th Avenue
Palos Park, Illinois
708-448-5220
www.pppcc.org
Pastors James R. Tony & David M. Carlton

***Sunday, December 15***
8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with Dance
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
A 3rd Attitude That Blesses Us (Matt. 5:6)
9:45 a.m. Advent Learning Opportunities
7:00 p.m. Choir's Christmas Concert

***Sunday, December 22***
8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m. Worship with Handbell Choir
A 4th Attitude That Blesses Us (Matt. 5:3)
9:45 a.m. Children's Birthday Party for Jesus

***Tuesday – Christmas Eve, December 24***
3:00 p.m. – Children's Service
7:30 p.m. – Candlelight, Carols and Choir
*(Nursery provided for 3:00 and 7:30 p.m.)*
10:30 p.m. – Candlelight, Carols, Soloists & Harp
A 5th Attitude That Blesses Us (Matt. 5:8)

***Sunday, December 29 – Carol Sing***
8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m. Worship
A 6th Attitude That Blesses Us (Matt. 5:4)
9:45 a.m. Advent Learning Opportunities

***January 5 – Promise Renewal Sunday***
(One Worship Service)
9:30 a.m. New Year Breakfast
11:00 a.m. – Worship (Communion Served)
9:45 a.m. – Educational Hour

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**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**
**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**
4:00pm & 11:00pm
Candlelight, Holy Communion
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**
**CHRISTMAS DAY**
11:00am
Traditional Christmas Hymns, Holy Communion
1:00pm Free Christmas dinner for Great Lakes Military, senior citizens, homeless persons and others who would otherwise be alone
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***Christmas Eve, December 24***
Services at 4:30 & 11 p.m.

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9717 S. Kostner Avenue
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**Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve**
4:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. – Candlelight Service

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9411 S. 81st Ave.
Oak Lawn, Illinois
(708) 422-4200
www.pilgrimfaith.org
Rev. Peggy McClanahan

***Christmas Eve, December 24***
7:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Service
Children's Story
Carols & Choir
11:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service
Classic Carols and Special Music

## UNITED BY FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

3240 West 98th Street
Evergreen Park, Illinois 60805
708/422-6301
www.unitedbyfaith-ep.org

**Christmas Worship Services**

**Christmas Eve, December 24 at 11:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day, December 25 at 9:30 a.m.**

## ST. DAMIAN CHURCH

5300 W. 155th Street
Oak Forest, Illinois 60452
(708) 687-1370
www.stdamianchurch.org
stdamian@hotmail.com

**Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24**

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| 3:00 p.m. | Vigil Mass | Youth Choir at 2:45 |
| 3:10 p.m. | Vigil Mass | Shaw O'Day Halls |
| 4:30 p.m. | Vigil Mass | Musical Prelude at 4:15 |
| 6:00 p.m. | Vigil Mass | Musical Prelude 5:45 |
| 12:00 a.m. | Vigil Mass | Musical Prelude at 11:30 |

**Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25**

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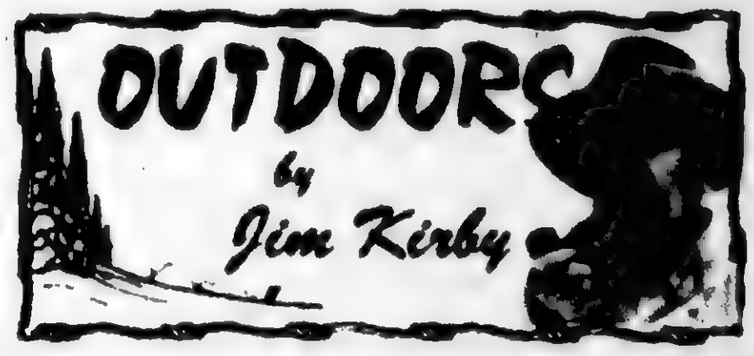
| 6:45 a.m. | Mass | Musical Prelude 6:35 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Mass | Musical Prelude 7:45 |
| 9:30 a.m. | Mass | Musical Prelude at 9:20 |
| 11:00 a.m. | Mass | Musical Prelude at 10:50 |
| 12:30 p.m. | Mass | Musical Prelude at 12:15 |

**Tuesday, December 31 – New Year's Eve**

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

**Wednesday, January 1**
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
**Day of World Peace**

7:00 a.m. – Mass
9:00 a.m. – Mass




**DROP IN ILLINOIS DEER HARVEST:** The first and second firearm deer seasons have ended, totals for the deer archery season so far are in, and the deer kill is down by 26%. There are many reasons for this decline including Epizootic Hemorrhage Disease (EHD) and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and the taking of fawns by coyotes.

The fallout from this decline in deer harvest has affected the amount of venison donated by hunters to food pantries. Taxidermists have been hard hit, reporting deer heads being brought in for mounting is off by 50%, and many hunters' families will be denied tasty, healthy venison meals.

It's time for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to take some action and cancel the Late Winter Doe Only Season and the balance of the deer archery seasons. This emergency action would require the Department to take a hit on license sales and complaints from hunters who are in denial over the drop in the deer herd population.

**●FWS PROPOSE EXPANSION OF HUNTING, FISHING IN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM:** Interior Secretary Sally Jewell announced the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing to expand fishing and hunting throughout National Wildlife Refuge System, opening up new hunting programs on six refuges and expanding existing hunting and fishing programs on another 20 refuges.

The proposed rule also modifies existing refuge specific regulations for more than 75 additional refuges and wetland management districts. Illinois refuges affected are:

Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge: Expand migratory bird hunting, upland game hunting and big game hunting.

Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge: Expand migratory bird hunting, upland game hunting and big game hunting.

The service manages its hunting and fishing programs on refuges to ensure sustainable wildlife populations while offering historical wildlife-dependent recreation on public lands.

**●EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 4th QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE ILLINI MUSKIES ALLIANCE MEETING:** *Nominations for the 2014 Officers and Directors were held. The 2014 officers were re-nominated plus the Directors. Nominations are still open. Elections will be at the 1st Quarterly Meeting on Feb. 22 at Cabela's Sporting Goods in Hoffman Estates. *135,695 muskie were stocked in April, in Hennepin-Hooper. *The Fox Chain got an additional 450 fish donated by the Fox River Valley Muskie Club. The South of the Border Muskies donated another 1,000 to the Chain. *Big Fish for 2013 so far are: 50 inch, Shelbyville. 2 – 50 inch, Kinkaid, 51inch from the river below Shelbyville Dam. *The state has purchased 9 certified scales to go around the state for weighing large fish.

**●ICE FISH AT YOUR OWN RISK AT THE FOLLOWING FOREST PRESERVE LAKES:** Arrowhead, Axehead, Beck, Belleau, Big Bend, Bullfrog, Busse main and south, Flatfoot, Green, Horsetail, Ida, Maple, Papoose, Powderhorn, Saganashkee, Sag Quarry East and West, Tampier, Turtlehead, and Wampum.

**●OUTDOOR CALENDAR: Jan. 10-12**, Chicago Muskie Show, Harper College, Palatine. Seminars, booths, muskie fishing tackle, and boats. www.chicagomuskieshow.com **Jan. 22-26**, Chicago Outdoor Sports Show, Stevens Convention Center, Rosemont. www.ChicagoSportShow.com **Jan 23-26**, Chicago Gun Show, Stevens Convention Center, Rosemont. www.ChicagolandGunShow.com

**●NEW ILLINOIS LAW ENHANCES HUNTING FOR VETERANS:** Illinois legislation that cuts bureaucracy and clarifies regulations for veterans and sportsmen has been approved and signed into law. Some bills had immediate effective dates while a couple of other bills will become law on Jan. 1.

Among the new laws already in effect is Senate Bill 50, allowing veterans who complete the online portion of Hunter Safety Education requirements in Illinois to receive a hunter safety card without having to take the field day portion of the course. To obtain the hunter safety card, the veterans need only provide IDNR with the online hunter education certification as well as military service verification.

**●THINK ABOUT IT:** "When our society had rural roots, traditional outdoor activities were never questioned, nor were the expert agencies that managed our wildlife resources for all the people. In today's urban-dominated society our expert agencies are repeatedly challenged in court, wildlife management decisions are being made by voter ballot initiatives, and a small but vocal minority is poisoning the well against hunting". (*Bloomin' and Crockett Club*)

***"I want take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas."***

# Firearm Deer Season Preliminary Harvest Totals 74,191

Firearm deer hunters in Illinois took a preliminary total of 74,191 deer during the seven-day firearm deer season on Nov. 22-24 and Dec. 6-8, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) announced. This year's preliminary firearm season harvest total compares with the 99,546 deer taken during the 2012 firearm season.

The preliminary second-season (Dec. 6-8) harvest total was 18,483 compared with the 27,213 deer taken by hunters during the second segment of the season last year. This year's preliminary first-season (Nov. 22-24) deer harvest was 55,708 compared with a first-season harvest of 72,111 in 2012. The preliminary harvest totals include deer taken in all counties in which firearm deer hunting is permitted, as well as at Chain O'Lakes State Park in Lake County.

During the second segment of the firearm season (Dec. 6-8) opening day saw falling temperatures and gusty winds throughout the state, and southern Illinois saw rain, freezing rain turning to snow that continued through Friday with substantial accumulations. Frigid temperatures persisted Friday and Saturday, with single-digit lows throughout the state on Saturday and highs that reached 20 degrees only in the south. Temperatures increased slightly on Sunday, with snow falling through much of the day in northern Illinois. Windy conditions prevailed throughout much of the season.

"Clearly this year's preliminary firearm harvest numbers are below previous seasons, and while bad weather conditions throughout the state played a role, it cannot be the only factor. Once all deer seasons are complete, our biologists will evaluate deer management goals on a county by county basis to achieve stability in our deer herd," said IDNR Director Marc Miller.

The reduction in county deer populations, combined in some instances with localized effects of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) outbreaks in the deer herd and less than optimal hunting conditions, have resulted in a lower firearm deer harvest in previous years. In the coming months, IDNR biologists will examine available data for each county, including hunter surveys and comments received during open house forums this past spring to determine where adjustments in deer management will be made for the coming year.

Continuing and upcoming deer hunting opportunities in Illinois include:

The Archery Deer Season, continuing through Jan. 19, 2014.

The seven-day split Late-Winter Firearm Antlerless-only Deer Season and Special CWD Deer Season are Dec. 26-29, 2013 and Jan. 17-19, 2014.

For detailed information on the Late-Winter and CWD deer seasons, including information sheets listing open counties and permit limits, check the IDNR website at dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/deer. Note that Greene County was closed to the Late-Winter Season this year.

# "Man Of The Year"

**The Catholic Grade School Football Conference honored Dave Sinclair (pictured) as "Man of the Year" at the grade school All-Star football game at St. Rita on Nov. 23rd. As many know, Dave passed in September to ALS. Dave is remembered to all as a great Friend and Football Coach at St. Patricia for many years.**

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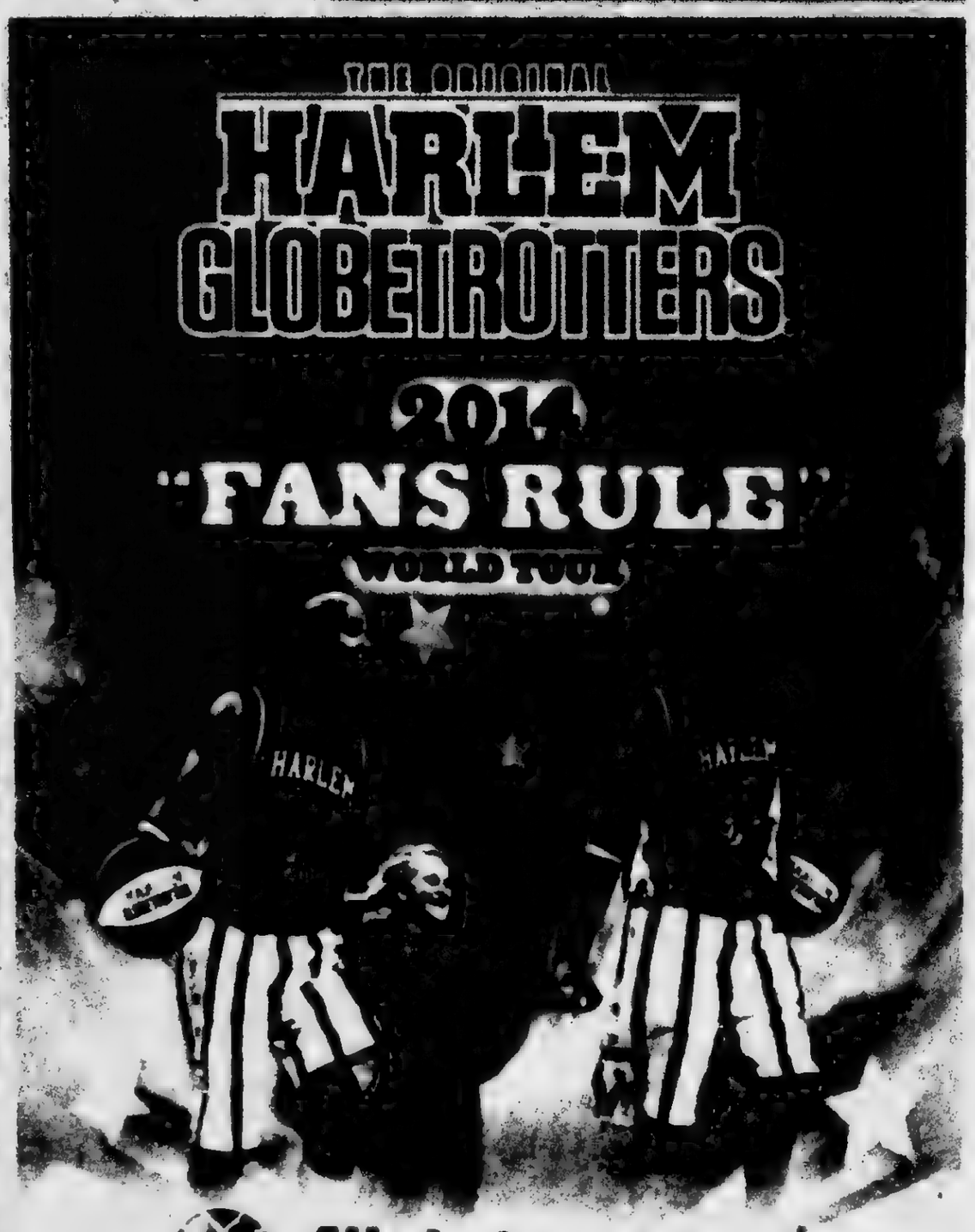

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# Health & Nutrition

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**HOLIDAY WEIGHT MAINTENANCE REVISITED**

We are in the heart of the holiday season, with a new year in the midst. Planning ahead is the name of the game when it comes to sticking to your weight loss goals and avoiding excess weight gain. As you enjoy your time with family and friends, here are some friendly reminders for healthy eating:

- **Plan ahead.** Know your limits on portions before festivities begin. If this is done, you can avoid impulse eating at a gathering.
- **Limit portions.** An entire meal can consist of over 1500 calories if you do not do this. You will also feel better that day and the next day if you don't overeat.
- **Design a fruit and cheese tray for yourself.** Try low fat cheeses which taste good and low fat crackers. Use dips made with fat free yogurt, cottage cheese, or fat free sour cream.
- **Don't forget to exercise.** Try not to stray from your exercise routine despite the busy holiday season. Walk an extra ten minutes daily to burn an additional 500 calories per week. The extra exercise can help compensate for added calories from holiday treats.

Ideas for recipe modifications include:

- Using applesauce, crushed pineapple or non-fat yogurt in baked goods instead of butter, oil, or margarine.
- Using low fat soups in recipes which called for condensed cream soups.
- Using evaporated fat free milk instead of heavy cream in recipes saves 620 calories per recipe.
- Using 8 ounces of fat free ricotta cheese or cream cheese instead of regular cream cheese can save about 800 calories per recipe.
- Substituting one pound of lean ground turkey for one pound 80% lean ground beef can save about 850 calories per recipe.

Healthy choices for foods at the party are:

- Low fat cheese and low fat crackers
- Pretzels
- Fruit
- Finger sandwiches made with lean meat
- Shrimp cocktail with minimal cocktail sauce

Don't let the holidays budge your weight or increase your clothes size for the new year! Good planning, motivation, and sticking with an exercise routine will help control the extra pounds.

*Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

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# MWRD Collects 231 Pounds Of Unwanted Drugs

According to the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration (U. S. DEA), almost three million pounds of prescription medications have been removed from circulation during National Take Back Days. On Oct. 26, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRD's) Calumet, O'Brien, and Stickney Water Reclamation Plants served as collection sites, and 231 pounds of unwanted or expired medications were taken out of circulation.

Wastewater treatment facilities are not designed to remove minute concentrations of pharmaceuticals and as a result, the chemicals could wind up in our streams and waterways and could potentially have a negative impact on water quality.

There are many ways to reduce the amount of pharmaceuticals before they have a chance to reach treatment facilities and/or the waterways. The first is to complete the course of treatment as prescribed by the physician. For over-the-counter products, monitor your supply and store them in one location at home to prevent the purchase of additional or extras.

**Once the pharmaceuticals are in your home, never pour them down the toilet or drain and never give or sell them to others.**

The MWRD has brochures available and a Cook County unwanted medicine collection finder insert available for distribution. To request a supply of these brochures and inserts, please call (312) 751-6633 or email public.affairs@mwrd.org.

The City of Chicago collects unwanted medicines 24 hour per day, seven days per week at all of its police facilities.

For more information about pharmaceuticals in the waterways or to find out more about proper disposal of medical and hazardous wastes, visit http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback and www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm101653.

# Cougar Found In Whiteside County

Wildlife biologists will examine the remains of a cougar found on a farm near Morrison in rural Whiteside County in an effort to learn more about the animal's recent history and origin, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) announced on Nov. 21st.

An IDNR conservation police officer (CPO) responded to a call from a Whiteside County farm owner that a large cat had been seen leaving a cornfield, running toward the farm owner's home and outer buildings. When the officer arrived at the farm, the farm owner's wife showed the officer to a horse barn, and the cougar was found in a concrete tunnel beneath a corn crib.

After consulting with the farm owner's wife and IDNR law enforcement and wildlife personnel, and at the farm owner's request, it was determined that the cougar should be euthanized. The CPO dispatched the animal with his IDNR-issued rifle. The cougar appeared to weigh more than 100 pounds and was 5½ to 6 feet in length. Wildlife biologists will take possession of the animal and conduct a necropsy.

Cougars, also known as mountain lions, mostly left Illinois before 1870 and are not protected by the Illinois Wildlife Code. Biologist don't believe any cougars regularly live in Illinois, but occasional transient cougars have been found in the state in recent years, likely dispersing from states to the west, including South Dakota.

There were three confirmed cougars in Illinois between 2002 and 2008. A male cougar was killed by a train in Randolph County in 2002. Another male cougar was killed by a hunter in Mercer County in 2004. A third male cougar was shot and killed on the Northwest Side of Chicago in 2008. Although analysis indicates these three animals were genetically similar to mountain lions from South Dakota, their history in the wild is uncertain.

More recently, images taken by trail cameras in Jo Daviess County in September 2012 and in Morgan, Pike and Calhoun counties in October and November 2012 were confirmed by IDNR as showing a live cougar. Given the long distances typically traveled by cougars, and the proximity of the counties, especially Calhoun, Morgan and Pike, it is possible that the camera images may show the same animal.

For more information on cougars, check the Living with Wildlife in Illinois website at http://web.extension.illinois.edu/wildlife.

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# Seek Court Order To Require Investigation Following Explosion At Alsip Chemical Plant

Illinois EPA Director Lisa Bonnett has asked the Illinois Attorney General's Office to seek an immediate mandatory court order compelling Blue Island Phenol LLC located at 13500 W. 131st Street in Alsip to conduct a root cause analysis and submit other information for state review so as to prevent a similar incident in the future. This action follows a large explosion and fire that began on the morning of Dec. 13th and caused the evacuation of the facility and injuries to employees.

IEPA emergency personnel responded to the scene along with other local, state and federal officials to investigate this incident. The facility handles many hazardous chemicals, but an official determination of which materials were involved in the incident has not yet been made. The information sought by this request will assist IEPA in determining the environmental impact of this situation and to see steps are taken to ensure it does not reoccur.

Blue Island Phenol LLC has been under several state enforcement orders stemming from prior incidents and potential violations of those orders will be investigated.

IEPA is requesting the Attorney General seek a court order to require Blue Island Phenol LLC to:

Perform a root cause analysis of the incident and submit it for state review.

Provide calculations about the amount of chemical releases and air emissions caused by the incident.

Provide the agency with the work plan to clean up the site.

Provide the agency with documentation showing all contacts between officers and local officials about the incident.

IEPA will continue working with state and local officials and members of the community as the situation develops and determine if any environmental violations have occurred.

## Federal Emergency Unemployment Ends Soon

Federal jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed ends Dec. 28th with final payments to be made in early January.

Unless Congress extends the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program, approximately 50,000 Illinois workers will receive their last payment when they certify for benefits in the first or second week of January. Without EUC, after 4 weeks, the program's expiration means they will stop receiving benefits regardless of how long they have been collecting EUC.

The 100,000 additional workers collecting under the state's 26-week regular unemployment insurance program will not be immediately impacted by EUC's expiration. However, 40,000 of those individuals would have qualified for EUC in the first quarter of 2014.

"While today's job growth allows most newly unemployed individuals to find work after several weeks, the long-term unemployed face additional hurdles," IDES Director Jay Rowell said. "Ending this modest program based on a calendar date rather than economic principles and job skills could slow economic growth."

The average weekly benefit payment is $320. The maximum weekly family payment is $560. EUC benefits to the 50,000 individuals represent $25.6 million in purchasing power each week.

Unemployment insurance is a temporary program that supports families during jobless periods through no fault of their own. The program also supports local businesses because benefit dollars are spent at local grocers, gas stations and clothing stores. Economic analysis show each $1 in unemployment insurance generates between $1.63 and $2 in economic activity.

President George W. Bush signed into law the initial EUC in 2008. Several extensions have been authorized since. President Barack Obama has urged Congress to extend EUC through 2014.

State agencies are working together to deliver services to unemployed Illinois workers. Access to services for basic needs such as job training, food, clothing and shelter are located at www.ides.illinois.gov/assistance.

# De La Salle Institute Holds Successful HoliDinner 2013

**De La Salle Institute recently held its annual Holidinner as its Office of Campus Ministry invited area residents to De La Salle's Hilton Commons to enjoy a meal, holiday festivities and fellowship and performances by De La Salle's Spanish Club, French Club, Choir and Band among others.**

**In addition, Santa Claus was in attendance and took pictures with everyone who wanted a keepsake.**

**Over 100 De La Salle students and faculty participated in this most worthwhile event, whether performing Christmas carols, preparing the meal or serving the 120 guests who attended from the South Loop, Bronzeville and Bridgeport neighborhoods.**

**De La Salle thanks everyone who attended the Holidinner and looks forward to welcoming them back to our school during next year's holiday season.**

**Pictured: Santa Claus (De La Salle student Daniel Hanrahan) makes a young Holidinner guest very happy with a Christmas gift.**


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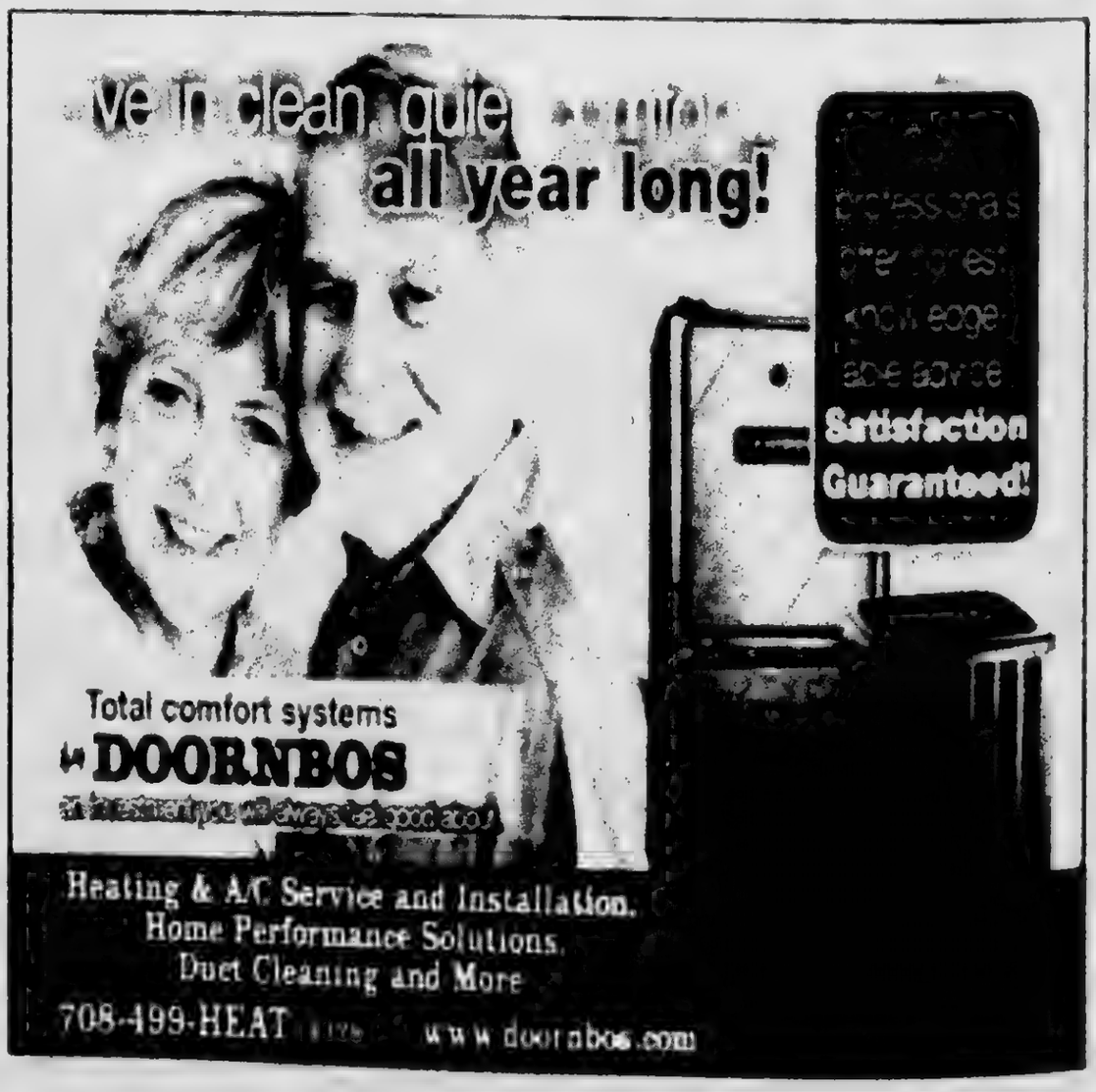

# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## Beverly Improvement Association Supports BAC Challenge

**The Beverly Improvement Association (BIA), a civic organization serving the North Beverly neighborhood, recently donated $2,000 to the BAC Challenge. BIA Vice President Mark Singler (from left), BIA Treasurer Lynette Iannantuono and BIA President Jean Ryan presented the check to the Beverly Art Center Board members Barbara O'Malley (President) and Pat Stanton at the Dec. 4 kick-off of the BAC Challenge campaign. The campaign has a goal to raise $500,000 in one year and receive a $4-to-$1 match that will eliminate $2.5 million in mortgage debt at the Beverly Arts Center. For more information about the BAC Challenge, visit www.beverlyartcenter.org or call (773) 445-3838.**

## Casting Call: South Pacific Auditions

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre group has announced a casting call for its upcoming production of South Pacific.

Auditions will be held Sunday, Jan. 5th, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for boys ages 7 and 8 and girls ages 10 to 12. Individuals aged 13 and up may audition on Sunday, Jan. 5th, from 6 to 10 p.m. or on Monday, Jan. 6th, at 7:30 p.m. Auditions will take place at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St.

Come prepared to dance and sing a song from the show. If necessary, callbacks will be held Tuesday, Jan. 7th.

South Pacific show dates are the weekend of March 14th and March 21st.

For more information, call the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2200.


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**Posen Robbins School Dist 143 1/2** — **14020 S. Harrison Posen, IL 60468** — **708 388 7200** — **8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2013**

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| Local Sources | 1000 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 |
| Flow Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District | 2000 | [illegible] | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| State Sources | 3000 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 | 0 | [illegible] | 0 |
| Federal Sources | 4000 | [illegible] | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Direct Receipts/Revenues | | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 |
| Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures | | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 | 0 | [illegible] | 0 |
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| Beginning Fund Balances July 1, 2012 | | 0 | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 | 0 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 |
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| Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2013 | | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 | 0 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 0 |

## SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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**Midlothian School Dist 143**
**07-016-1430-02**

### GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

**Salary Range: Less Than $25,000**

ALLEN, BARBARA S., BALDWIN, JACQUELYN, BANIA, RICHARD J, BERNDOT, SHARON A, BOURDEY, ANDREA RENE, BOSWELL, SHERRY L, BROWN, GWENDAL, CASSELL, JOAN CONLIN, KYLE A, CONRAD, PETER J, CONSORTI, LISA, CORTES, GLORIA, DANAHER, MARGARET M, DANGOY, [illegible], DAVID, KRISTIN, DICKERSON, CANDACE L, DILGER, DIANA P, DOGLIO, JAMES, DUBAUSKAS, MARISA, FAKHOURY, MARY H, FANELLA, CLAUDIA H, GARCIA, NICOLE M, GREEN-CASTELLO, AMANDA R, GRIFFIN, KRISTI, GROMM, EDITH, HEISEL, HANNAH, HIRES, CHARLES, HRKEL, FANGELLS, HUDSON, YLONDIA, HYZY, GENEVIEVE D, IZZO, JENNIFER L, JAMES, JEANNE, JENKOT, JESSICA M, KELLY, SHANE, KELLY, TINA, KETCHEM, DANIELSKI, KIMBLE, ANGELA L, KLEC, STEVEN P, LACEY, LAURENA, LAFONTE, DIANE T, LANG-ZYCH, CELESTE, LAUDADIO, SHARON J, LEHNERER, JAMES M, LUGO, DARICE, MARATEA, MICHAEL, MATROS, RUSSELL, MCDERMOTT, TRACY L, MERRITT, JUDITH, MESKEL, ANITA R, MILLER, ALISA R, MONROE, JOANN, MORRIS, KHYANA, ONAFEYE, MICHELLE, ONDERA, CHRISTINA M, PETRIAN, JAMES, PINTO, LEOR, POLLARD, FRANCES L, RICKMON, ANDREA, ROBINSON, SAMANTHA, ROGERS, BARBARA, ROHLEN, JARED, ROTH, LOIS, SIMMONS, MARITA, STRAND, VICTORIA, TOLJANIC, JULIE, VALEK, CLAIRE M, WACHUKWU, JOY, WAGNER, GINA L, WALNOHA, JUDITH S, WASATOWICZ, SHARON M, WEINSTEIN, PAUL, WESLEY, SHEILA C, WHITTIER, BELINDA, WICK, DANA L, WILLIAMS, PHYLLISN, WILSON, PHYLLIS, WOODS, THOMAS M

**Salary Range: $25,000 - $39,999**

**Salary Range: $40,000 - $59,999**

ANDRUCH, KELLY J, ARNOLD, ANGELA, ASHLEY, LESLIE A, ATWELL, LORNETTE, BANACH, TRACY, BONEGURO, KAREN, BRESSANELLI, NICOLE M, BRONKEMA, KELLY L, BROWER, JENNIFER, BRUESCHAREY, DIANE M, BULNY, LAURA A, BUNDA, MELISSA M, BURRELL, LINDSAY, BUTLER, BRITTANY C, CARMODY, KRISTYN, CHAVOSKY, LAUREN, CLEARY, ELIZABETH, CONLON, BRENNA M, CRETCH, SHANNA, CUMBO, JANE E, DADO, ELIZABETH, DEISINGER, JENNIFER L, DRAKE, JENNIFER, ENGEL, MICHELLE, ERWIN, KAREN, FITZGERALD, LISA, FITZMAURICE, KERRY A, GARRETT, AIMEE, GEIER, SAMANTHA J, GEMINI, APRIL A, GOLDBERG, KELLY K, GOLDEN, TAMMY L, GRIFFIN, MICHELLE, GULL, TONY J, HABERKORN, NANCY, HAHN, PATRICIA, HAMILTON, HARLEAD, HANSEN, ASHLEY, HARRAH, MICHAEL, HARTZELL, NATALIE, HEISDON, SUSAN J, HEMPHILL, ELIZABETH R, HOLBEN, MATTHEW, INGLIS, APRIL, JANSKI, MICHELLE A, JANSSEN, MEGAN, JOHNSON, ERIN M, JONES, RACHAEL C, KITCHEN, BRIGHID, KOLYUK, JENNIFER, KOWAL, KATHRYN M, KRUH, MEGAN, LASSANDRELLO, NICOLE, LYNCH, MEGAN A, MALLARY, CARIE, MARATEA, DAVID A, MC NERNEY, MEGAN, MESSER, MEGAN, MEYERS, JENNIFER L, MILLER, TRISHA, MONTEMAYOR, TERESA, MORGAN, ANNE, MORLEY, ARLENE A, MURPHY, DANA, NIEVERA, BRIAN A, NOLAN, COLIN, NOVAK, NANCY, O'LEARY, JENNIFER, ONDERA, PHILLIP, PECKA, KEVIN J, PFEILER, KARLA, PISTEK, MALLORY, PRADO, MAUREEN A, PUTROW, JULIE, REYES, SARAH, ROBERTSON, CRYSTAL R, RODRIGUES, LISA M, ROHAN, MEGAN, SCHERER, KRISTIN M, SCHRAMM, ELIZABETH, SHOROWICZ, STACI, SIUDA, RACHEL, SLATTERY, MICHELLE, SOMMERFELD, MEGAN M, STAHULAK, JULIE, STASZAK, MICHELLE L, SWIATEK, NATALIE, SZTENK, JESSA M, TERRELL, CANDIE, TSOUKALAS, BETTAN, TUOHY, JESSICA A, TERS, LAURETTE A, VALDEZ, BEATRIZ, VALENTINO, REBEKKAH, VASALIS, ANDREA L, VELE, KATIE B, VICARIO, COLLEEN, VOYT, CHRISTY A, WARNICKI, DANIELLE D, WEATHERS, SARA M, WHITE, JANET, WILLIAMS, RACHEL, WOLKOWICZ, LINDSEY M

**Salary Range: 60,000 - $89,999**

ALLEN, CYNTHIA N, APPLEGATE, MICHAEL, ARMOUR, LINDA M, ARNEBERG, JANINE L, BALINT, REBEKAH A, BOYLE, DEBORAH A, CURRAN, PAMELA A, DENEKA, REBECCA E, DIEZ, KATIE, DEMROESI, LORI E, AMIN, HAKIMAH L, FRANGELLA, JULIANNE M, FRANKLIN, VICTORIA L

### GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

**Salary Range: Less Than $25,000**

ABRAHAM, TYRUS, ACEVES, SOCORRO, ALMAZAN, MARIA T, ATKINS, KESHA J, BARAJAS, LEILIH, BARBOZA, JOSE, BARNES, JOYA L, BROCK, ARQUNELLA L, BROOKS, LATEEK, BROWN, DEBORAH E, BROWNRIDGE, MAURICE D, BURROUGHS, KIMBERLY, CARTER, JACQUELINE, CASTILLO, MONICA, CLARK, NICOLE L, CLEMONS, DWAYNE, CLIFTON, LATONNIA, COBB, MICHELLE, COLLY, LINDA D, DAVIS, SERENA, DAVIS, TRADINA, DILLARD, ANNETTE, DUCKETT, KAREN, EPPERSON, NAKISHA L, ESPARZA, CLAUDIA, ESPARZA, ESTHELA, ESPARZA, JOSE A, FLOWERS, EUNICE, FOSTER, DEVELLA L, FRAUSTO, HECTOR, GIBSON - SHEPARD, DAWN J, GUERRERO, SUSANA, HARDAWAY, ERNESTINE, HARRIS, SAMANTHA, HAWKINS, ANNGELIE D, HENRY, TINA, HERNANDEZ, MATILDE, HOBSON, JALISA, HOWARD, MIRTHA, HUNTER, MARY, JACKSON, DONNA, JACKSON, LARMA, JENKINS, PATRICIA A, JIMENEZ, MARIA, JOHNSON, BRIANNA N, JONES, CHENICE L, JONES, MELANIE, KEEPERS, IRINA M, KEMP, CLEANDREA M, KING, GWENDOLYN, KNOCKEM, RENITA D, KURGAN, DOROTHY M, LACEY, KECHA, LAKOSKEY, JESSICA, LANE, ZANETTA R, LANNAN, STEVEN, LOPEZ, LILIANA, MARTINEZ, GAIL L, MARTINS, ANGELA D, MAYES, CAROLYN, MAZE, MATHIEU L, MENDEZ, JAIME, MENDOZA, ERMELINDA, NANCE, KATRINA L, NELSON, DEBORAH A, NOVAK II, MICHAEL, OSPIO, VANESSA, PADILLA-ZARATE, LOURDES, PEREZ, DOLORES, PERKINS, TINA L, PIERCE, GREGORY L, PINTO, CRISTINA, PROMISE, IZELLE L, REYNOLDS, MARCELL, ROBINSON, MARY J, ROGERS, DEBORAH, SHELTON, BRANDON, SILVA, ELIZABETH, SIMPKINS, SHARON, SMITH, DANIEL, SMITH, ERIE, STEWART, JAMES, THOMPSON, KARRA D, VALDEZ, LORENA, VAN DYKE, ANTHONY J, VELAZQUEZ, ELSA G, VELAZQUEZ, LUZ D, WALKER, TIWANA L, WESLEY, ELNORA, WILLETT, ROSALIND R, WILLIAMS, BEATRICE, WILLIAMS, CHINQUITA Q, WILLIAMS, RHONDA D, YATES, DIAMONIQUE

**Salary Range: $25,000 - $39,999**

ARRINGTON, ALBERT, BOOKER, IRA W, BOONSTRA, CLARENCE H, CHANDLER, CONSTANCE, COLE, JOE, COLE, JOHN, CORBIN, BRENDA, CROSBY, YOLANDA A, GONZALEZ, LORENA, HAWTHORNE, CAROL E, LOZANO, RAFAEL, MEEKS, DIONNE A, NAVARRETE, MARISSA, PRESSWOOD, RICHEA, ROBINSON, REGINALD, RODRIGUEZ, JUANA M, SARTIN, LA TOYA L, TERRELL, JACQUELINE D, VILLALOBOS, LUZ E, WILLIAMS, BOBBY J, WRIGHT, LYNNETTE M

**Salary Range: $40,000 - $59,999**

BLACKMAN, DENA M, FREUDINGER, MARY T, HANSEN, DAISY E, GRAY, DEMIKA M, THOMAS, CHARO, TURNER, VIKKI M, VAUGHN, ALAN K, WALLACE, OWEN M

**Salary Range: $60,000 and over**

MOROSEY, PATRICIA A

### PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OVER $2,500

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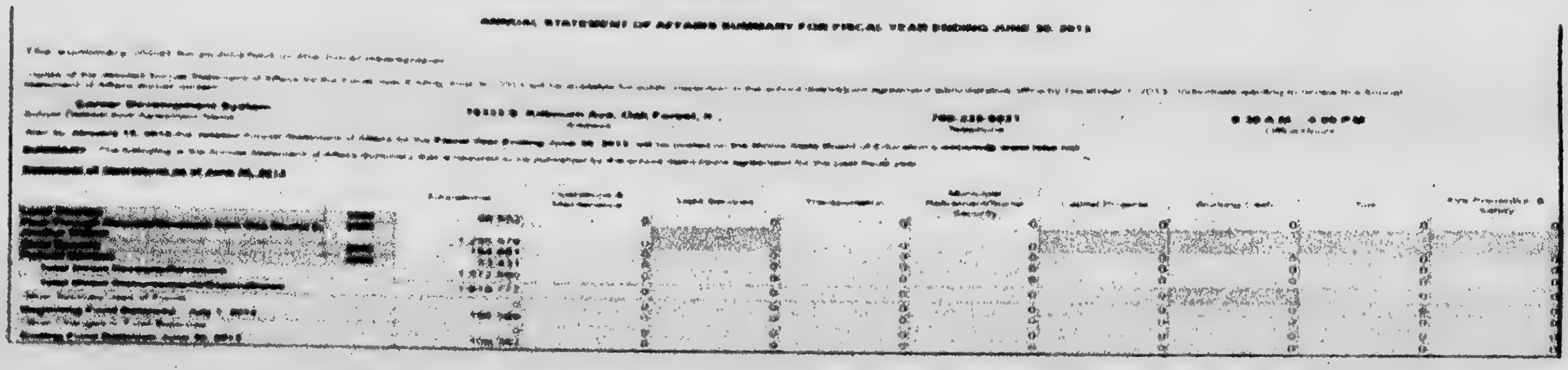

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## Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

Army Pvt. Daniel J. Lang has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia. Lang is the son of William Lang and nephew of Marianne Hahn, both of Oak Lawn. He is also the son of Kitty Lang of Houston, Texas. Lang is a 2009 graduate of St. Laurence High School in Burbank.

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The Military Museum in Springfield recreated a holiday celebration on Dec. 17th. Military Museum Living Historians told the World War I story about the 1914 Christmas truce and the Great War that changed Illinois and the world. Dr. Chris McDonald, Lincoln Land Community College professor of political science, provided a short talk about the Christmas truce. There were holiday carols by South Celebration and Coffee, hot cider and cocoa were served.

The Illinois State Military Museum displays the history of the Illinois National Guard from 1723 to the 21st Century. It is located two blocks north of the intersection of MacArthur Blvd. and North Grand Ave. in Springfield. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4:30 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Contact the museum at (217) 761-3910 or StoIl.MilitaryMuseum@ng.army.mil or visit www.il.ngb.army.mil/museum. Become a museum Facebook Fan at www.facebook.com/illinoisstatemilitarymuseum. To learn more about Illinois National Guard history, visit http://www.il.ngb.army.mil/History.

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Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220 will be hosting their annual New Year's Eve Party on Tuesday, Dec. 31st at the post home, 9514 S. 52nd Ave. in Oak Lawn, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. The cost is $35 per person, which includes dinner, an open bar, champagne fountain and party favors. Entertainment will be by DJ Mike, the "Italian Stallion". For tickets, call (708) 423-5220.

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The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs announced this week that following an extensive selection process Lester E. Robertson Jr. of Auburn, Illinois has been selected to be the Veterans Home Administrator for the Illinois Veterans' Home - Manteno.

His professional experience as an administrator for skilled-care facilities spans over 42 years in Illinois and Missouri. The vast majority of Robertson's experience as an administrator has been with skilled care facilities in Illinois and Missouri. He is a former owner of Robertson Healthcare, LLC, which owned two nursing facilities in Illinois. Most recently he worked with Families for Reform, an Illinois non-profit dedicated to improving care for residents in Illinois Nursing Homes.

Robertson is a 1971 graduate of the University of Missouri-Rolla, and holds Nursing Home administrator licenses in both Illinois and Missouri. He is a 22-year member of the Illinois Healthcare Association, and he held senior elective and committee positions within that organization. He is a current Board Member of the Illinois Nursing Home Administrator's Association. He is also an appointed member of the Illinois Governor's Long Term Care Advisory Board.

Robertson currently resides in Auburn, Illinois and is a leader in the Shriners. He is also the son of a retired 20-year U.S. Air Force veteran who served in Korea and Vietnam.

The Manteno Veterans' Home opened in 1986, located on a 122-acre campus and comprised of five major nursing care units and two ancillary service and support buildings. With a total capacity of 340 beds, the Manteno Home offers skilled care and Special Needs Unit programs and services to eligible veterans. Many of our area Veterans' organizations hold Bingo parties, holiday parties, provide entertainment and much more for the residents in the Home.

The IDVA operates four Illinois Veterans' Homes, which are fully staffed with caring and dedicated professionals who provide quality long-term skilled care and services to resident members. Volunteers from veteran service organizations and the local community provide many additional supporting services and activities to the veterans. The four Homes are located in Anna, LaSalle, Manteno and Quincy, Illinois.

Each Home is licensed by the Illinois Department of Public Health and certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center of Jurisdiction. The Homes work closely with the local healthcare community to ensure that each resident's specific health care needs are available and met. Emphasis is given to ensuring that each resident member is well cared for, has a full quality of life, and enjoys a caring, supportive environment.

In a future column, when I have more space, I will tell you a little bit about some of my heart-warming visits at the Veterans Homes and Medical Centers in Illinois during my travels as a state officer of the VFW Auxiliary throughout the years.

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For now I will have to leave you until next time with the following quote: *"Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world."* - Lucille Ball

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***Good-bye and God bless you and your family and God bless America and Our Troops.***

# *Named Varsity Head Football Coach*

**De La Salle Institute announced that Michael Boehm has been chosen the school's new varsity football head coach. Boehm, a 1992 graduate of De La Salle, has been a member of the football coaching staff since 1996.**

**As a student-athlete at De La Salle, Boehm chose to play at Elmhurst College after graduation. He played football for the Bluejays as a letterman from 1993-95. Boehm graduated from Elmhurst with a degree in secondary education/history.**

**Boehm joined De La Salle's faculty in 1997. He also is an assistant athletic director.**

**Boehm served as varsity assistant at De La Salle from 1997-2002, was the sophomore head coach from 2003-05, was a varsity assistant from 2006-08 and was the associate head coach from 2009-13.**

**Boehm, a resident of Evergreen Park, becomes the fourth De La Salle graduate currently serving the school as a varsity head coach, joining Dale Burke '00 (wrestling), Ron Rivera '67 (bass fishing) and John Smith '94 (girls basketball).**

**Boehm replaces Dan O'Keefe, who stepped down. O'Keefe had been De La Salle's varsity football head coach since 2006. In his eight seasons at the helm, O'Keefe posted an overall record of 47-40.**

**Under O'Keefe, the Meteors were 6-6 this season and garnered a berth in the Illinois High School Association's Class 6A state playoffs. O'Keefe also guided De La Salle to the IHSA playoffs in 2007-09.**

**Pictured: De La Salle athletic director Tom White, Michael Boehm, De La Salle president Fr. Paul Novak, OSM.**

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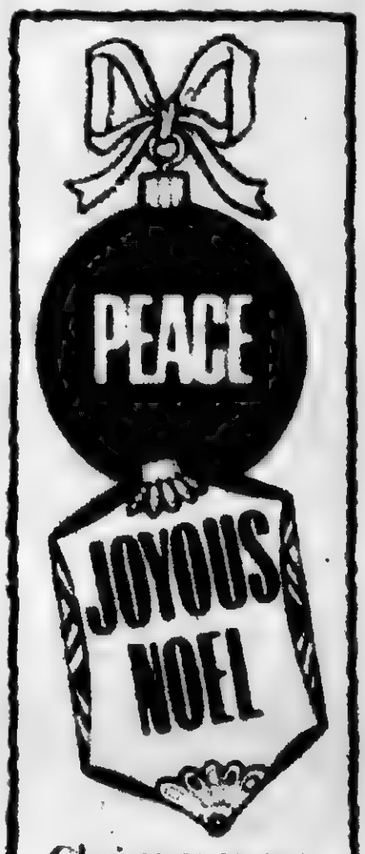


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# OAK LAWN POLICE CALLS

Bring holiday joy to those less fortunate by participating in a "Toys for Tots" drive sponsored by the Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave. Gifts for children up to age 12 may be dropped off in the library's lobby through Monday, Dec. 23rd. Items should be unwrapped so they may be sorted according to age and gender. No stuffed animals, please. Donations for the library's ongoing Food Drive are also being accepted.

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The library will be closed on the following dates: Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24th and 25th, for Christmas, and Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st, for New Year's.

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Local History Coordinator Kevin Korst's new book *Images of America: Oak Lawn Tornado of 1967* is scheduled for release the week of Jan. 6th. The book will feature 200 tornado-related images with caption and chapter introductions and will be available at the Reception Booth for $21.99 (cash or check). Korst's first book *Images of America: Oak Lawn* is also still available.

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Free health screenings will be held at the library on Wednesday, Jan. 8th from 10 to 11 a.m. in our lower level meeting room. Blood pressure screenings will be performed by personnel from the Oak Lawn Fire Department. In addition, glaucoma testing will be available.

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Take a chance at spicing up your next meal on Tuesday, Feb. 4th at 7 p.m. Chef Kate Bradley will review her favorite Tex Mex family recipes, including beef brisket in a slow cooker, chicken posole, cheese and corn casserole, and Texas-style tabbouleh. In-person registration begins Saturday, Jan. 11th. Fee: $5. Fee will be returned. Limit 60.

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Wear your favorite jammies and listen to stories, sing songs, learn fingerplays and then get to bed on Tuesday, Jan. 14th from 6:30 to 7 p.m. No reservation is required for this program.

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Donate your "gently used" books, magazines, CDs and videos to the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Ongoing Book Sale at the library. Due to space limitations, the Friends will not accept Readers Digest Condensed Books, encyclopedias and older textbooks. The donation drop-off area is near the library's Cook Ave. entrance. Interested parties may fill out a short form at the Reception Booth to receive a tax letter by mail that acknowledges their donation.

The Ongoing Book Sale provides an ever-changing variety of books, magazines and other forms of media at bargain prices. Hardcover books cost 50 cents each, paperbacks are 25 cents, and magazines cost 10 cents each. Audio visual items are priced as indicated. Funds collected from the book sale support library programming and purchases that are beyond their regular budget.

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# OAK LAWN POLICE CALLS

On Nov. 24, Ronnie L. Lewellen of Oak Lawn was arrested for driving on a suspended license, failure to yield, improper use of a registration, no village sticker and failure to notify the Secretary of State of a change of address after a traffic stop at 95th and Kilbourn.

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On Nov. 24, Estrella Franco of Oak Lawn was arrested after making a false 911 call. It was stated that police were investigating a stolen van found in the 9700 block of South Karlov Ave. where Franco lives. The 911 call was traced back to Franco. She was arrested after being questioned about the missing van and it was found that there were text messages referring to the vehicle on her cell phone. She was charged with felony disorderly conduct for making the false call.

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On Nov. 26, Ted J. Stiemann of Oak Lawn, was arrested for retail theft and reckless conduct after taking a bag of coffee and candy from Starbucks on 95th Street after an employee told police that the offender purchased a cup of coffee and was seen taking the items and putting them in his pocket. He fled the store into 95th Street nearly causing an accident.

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On Nov. 27, Gerardo Garcia of Evergreen Park, was arrested for outstanding warrants of violating an order of protection and for disobeying a stop sign after a car crash he was involved in at 96th and Keeler Avenue.

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On Nov. 27, Daniel J. Gremer of Evergreen Park was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, improper turn, improper lane usage, driving in the wrong lane and driving without insurance after a traffic stop in the 9500 block of South Kilbourn. According to reports, he refused to take field sobriety tests or submit to a breathalyzer test.


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# Announce A Multi-Million Dollar Settlement With Lincoln

Illinois Department of Insurance (IDOI) Director Andrew Boron on Dec. 11th announced an agreement with Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Lincoln Life and Annuity Company of New York, and First Penn Pacific Life Insurance Company (collectively "Lincoln") as part of a multi-million dollar settlement with several states regarding its use of the Social Security Administration's Death Master File (DMF). Under the settlement, Lincoln will pay $12.6 million dollars to states that are a party to the settlement.

This settlement with Lincoln stems from multi-state market conduct examinations of the forty largest life insurers regarding the timely payment of proceeds to beneficiaries of life insurance policies and annuities. The principal lead state in this investigation was Pennsylvania, with support from insurance regulators from Florida, California, Illinois, Indiana, New Hampshire, and North Dakota.

"I am pleased that market conduct examinations of eight of the ten largest insurers in the United States have been resolved," said IDOI Director Boron. "These life insurers, and the other smaller insurers who have settled, represent more than 55% of the market, and the resolutions demonstrate that the majority of the industry is now properly and fairly using the DMF."

Under the agreement, Lincoln will implement business reforms to promote a timely and efficient search for the beneficiaries of both its in-force life insurance policies and annuities using the DMF. These companies will regularly match all of its insureds and annuitants against the DMF to help promptly identify when an insured has died, to locate and make payment to beneficiaries.

A copy of the Lincoln settlement agreement is available on the IDOI website at http://insurance.illinois.gov/Home/Implinks.asp. Consumers who have any questions regarding this settlement, or who have any questions or concerns about their insurance, should contact the Department's Consumer Division at http://insurance.illinois.gov or call (866) 445-5364.

# Secure Natural Life Sentence For 2011 Sexual Assault

A convicted felon who sexually assaulted and brutally beat a 65-year-old grandfather during a 2011 robbery and attack in Chicago's Grant Park has been sentenced to Natural Life plus seven years in prison, according to the Office of Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez.

Cortez Foster, 47, was previously convicted of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault and Robbery in connection with a heinous sexual attack during a late-night robbery in Grant Park in which the victim's cell phone was stolen.

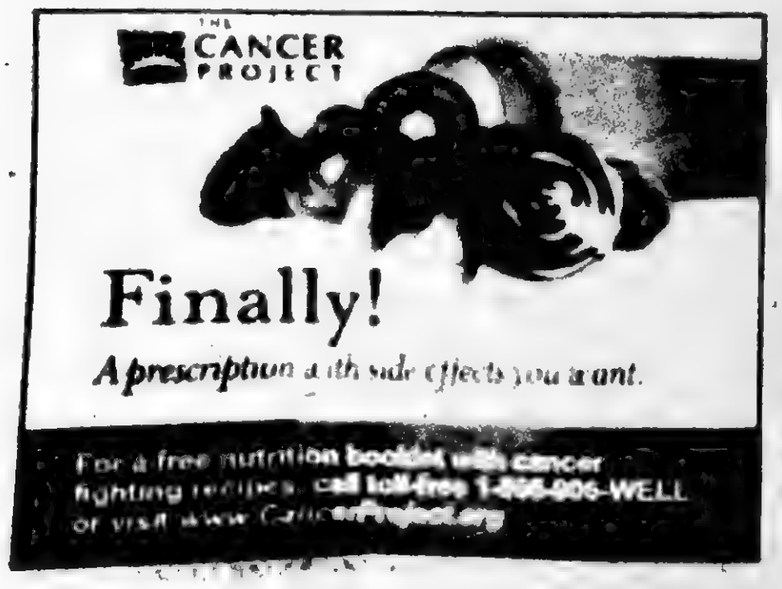
According to prosecutors, On March 28, 2011, the victim was walking through Grant Park around midnight when Foster approached and began punching and kicking him. Foster then removed the victim's pants and used a tree branch to sexually assault him. Foster then stole the victim's cellular telephone and fled the scene.

A citizen who observed the victim, after the assault attempting to support himself on a concrete railing called police. The victim's shirt and jacket were covered in blood, and he was wearing no pants when the Chicago Fire Department responded and transported the victim to Northwestern Hospital where he required surgery as a result of the sexual assault.

When police determined the identity of the victim and learned his cell phone was missing, they traced the number to an apartment complex and found a witness in possession of the phone who told police that he had bought the phone from Foster in exchange for three Viagra pills. Police were able to identify Foster by looking through a log book at the complex, and located and detained Foster at the Pacific Gardens Mission.

Foster was on parole at the time of the incident and has three prior felony convictions, including Armed Robbery, Robbery, and Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault.

Cook County Judge Dennis Porter sentenced Foster to the Natural life plus seven years sentence on Thursday, Dec. 5th during a hearing at the George Leighton Criminal Courts Building in Chicago.

# *Marquette Bank Earns 7th Consecutive 'Outstanding' Rating*

**Marquette Bank, a locally-owned neighborhood bank and the banking subsidiary of Marquette National Corporation (MNAT), was awarded the highest possible Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) performance rating from the Federal Reserve. This rating reflects the bank's performance during 2011 and 2012 and is the seventh time in a row Marquette Bank was awarded an "Outstanding" on its CRA evaluation and puts the bank in a select group of financial institutions.**

**"Marquette Bank works hard to address the credit and banking needs of our local community, businesses and residents of all income levels," Manuel Jimenez, Vice President, CRA Officer of Marquette Bank, said. "We are thrilled that our efforts and systematic community approach has been recognized again by the Federal Reserve examiners."**

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**"Marquette Bank is a true Chicago neighborhood bank. We are focused on helping neighbors and business owners meet their financial needs along with helping them achieve their long-term goals and dreams. This seventh 'Outstanding' rating validates our traditional approach to banking and our commitment to the markets we serve," George Moncada, President & CEO of Marquette Bank, said. "Our employees, bank officers and directors are active, engaged members of our communities and we are always seeking new ways to contribute to the overall prosperity of Chicago and surrounding suburbs where Marquette Bank operates."**

**Marquette Bank also was one of only five Chicago banks awarded an 'A' on its 2013 CRA Report Card, a community "grading" on how banks address community development investment, lending and banking needs in economically struggling communities, jointly presented by The Community Reinvestment Organizing Project and the P.A.C.T. (Partnership Assisting Community Transformation) Project, both initiatives of the Monroe Foundation. In addition, Marquette Bank received a special 'Southside KIDS Campaign Leader Award' for its work to encourage saving and educate unbanked families about banking options from the Monroe Foundation.**

**For more information about Marquette Bank, call 1-888-254-9500 or visit our website at www.emarquettebank.com.**

**Marquette Bank employees Sandra Turner, Community Relations Officer (middle left) and Manny Jimenez, Vice President, CRA Officer (middle right) accept a CRA Award and 'A' CRA rating from Otis Monroe, President, Executive Director (far right) of The Monroe Foundation and Mark Allen, Chairman, National Black Wall Street-Chicago (far left).**

# Violence Prevention Task Force Meets

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Director Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck, and the chair of the Illinois Violence Prevention Task Force, recently convened the first task force meeting. In August of this year, Governor Pat Quinn signed legislation creating the six member task force to stem the epidemic of violence impacting today's youth.

"Violence is something that impacts all of us, and it will take all of us working together to prevent it," said Governor Quinn. "This task force will provide a fresh perspective and pursue new strategies that can help end the violence epidemic."

"I am deeply concerned about the senseless violence in Illinois, where homicide among people aged 15-24 years accounts for more deaths than from cancer, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, birth defects, influenza and pneumonia combined," said Dr. Hasbrouck. "All totaled, nearly 1,000 young people die every three years here in Illinois. We must work to develop peaceful and productive alternatives to violence."

Sponsored by State Representative LaShawn Ford (D-Chicago) and State Senator Mattie Hunter (D-Chicago), task force duties include preventing violence by raising awareness of job opportunities for at-risk youth, assisting religious and community groups and organizations whose mission is to curb violence, and coordinating with mental health providers to assure that they are present in communities that need them.

"I believe in the public health approach to violence, which sees violence as being preventable, not inevitable," said Dr. Hasbrouck. "Governor Quinn has appointed me to chair this task force to carry out his vision of curbing violence and stopping it before it starts. Preventing violence is not solely a punitive approach. The task force will be working on comprehensive approaches to prevent violence, starting with developing a blueprint for action."

To learn more about violence prevention, you can find Dr. Hasbrouck's address at the City Club of Chicago at http://vimeo.com/81557266.

# Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group

PLOWS Council on Aging is hosting a Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group beginning Wednesday, Jan. 15th at 11 a.m. at the Palos Township office, 10802 Roberts Road, Palos Hills. Each of the 10 sessions will focus on a specific topic, including financial & legal assistance, technology skills, and self-care. Knowledgeable and experienced guest speakers will be invited to provide additional information and guidance. All grandparents raising grandchildren are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

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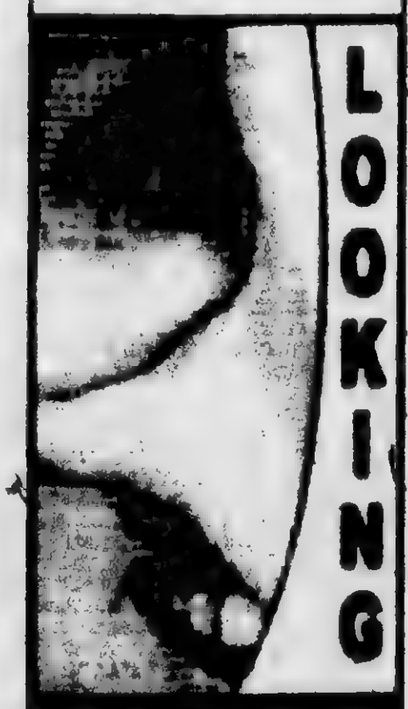


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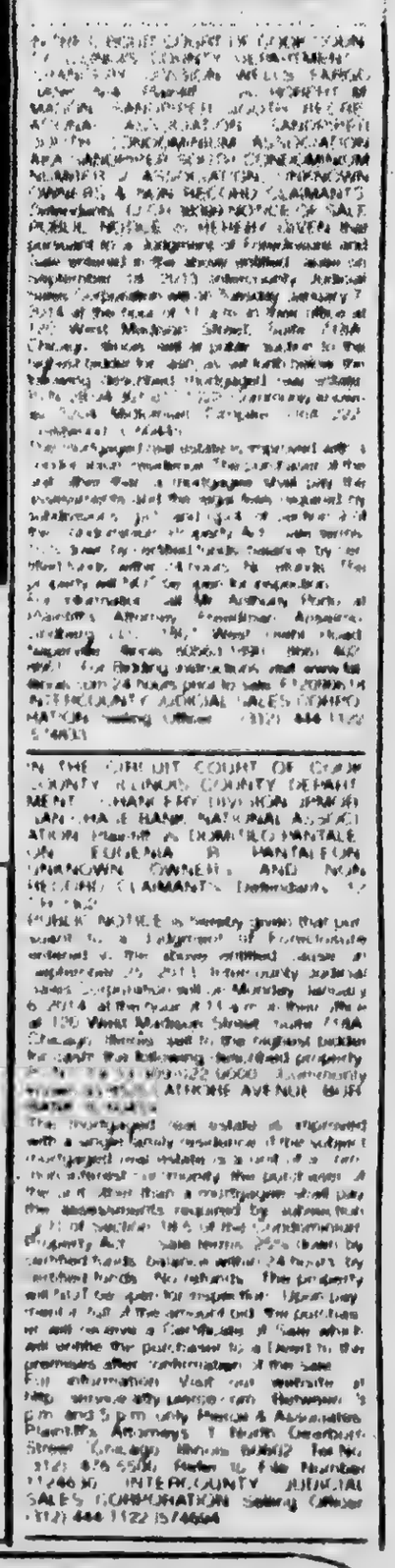

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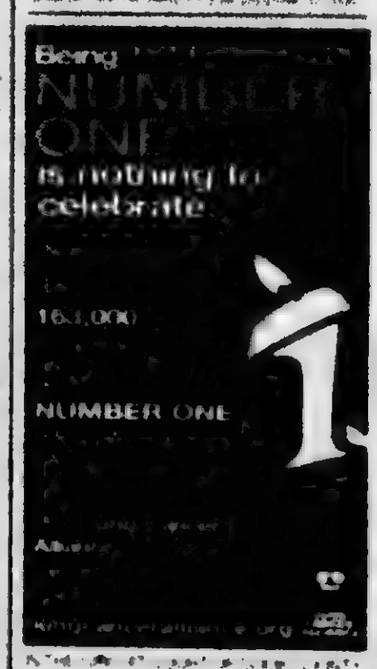


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# Township Trustees Distribute Donations In Washington

The scene was bleak, a neutral color palette with the occasional blue of a tarp suggesting the process of rebuilding. As Orland Township trustees Art Rubino and Jack Vandenberg drove through the destruction seen on the news, they realized the images don't do Washington, Illinois justice.

"You don't see the big picture until you come down here," Rubino said.

That big picture was a levelled village, empty of people and full of shattered dreams. Where strong houses used to stand, piles of rubble were now the only dimensions to the vastness. As the trustees made their way towards Washington's Village Hall, they were compelled to stop and look at their surroundings – houses degraded to foundations, others without roofs, siding and doors, windows blown out and covered by oriented strand board. One house was stripped of everything except its framework and a second floor closet in which clothes were still hanging on the hangers. On every block stood a portable electricity generator to cast light on the post-apocalyptic landscape once the sun went down.

But amongst the destruction was art. God bless Washington written on blown away garage doors, Washington strong spray-painted on walls where siding once was. These signs of encouragement prove that in the aftermath of the tornado that swept through this town on Nov. 17, a collective effervescence of faith and humanity does exist here, providing hope for an even stronger future.

Earlier on Wednesday, Dec. 11, Rubino and Vandenberg, along with Orland Township employee Bill Beasley, loaded three Orland Township Highway Department trucks with mattresses, pillows, blankets, clothes, food and toys – and items collected at the Township's Relief Drive, which was spearheaded by Supervisor Paul O'Grady to benefit the tornado victims in Washington. Rumbled up to defeated, tired, the men made their way down to Peoria where they delivered the supplies to Catholic Charities, the collection and distribution center for all Washington donations. While unloading over three pallets worth of supplies, they were greeted by a member of Catholic Charities who gave them a tour of the warehouse in which everything had a designated place – clothes on the tables near the center, cleaning supplies on the shelves in the back, water in the corner where a towering stack of cases already stood. The venue was filled to the brim, but the men were assured that everything around them would be used at some point during the recovery process.

After the supplies were sorted, the trio continued on to Washington Village Hall where they met with Mayor Gary Manier and presented him with $1,000 worth of gift cards, also collected at the Township's Relief Drive. Despite the circumstances, Manier was nothing but positive – a reflection of the attitude the community has as it pushes forward towards restoration. Manier informed the trustees that out of the 7,000 families that were displaced, none are in shelters and instead have found sanctuary with other members of the town. The struggle is getting brighter every day thanks to the generosity of individuals and organizations that have contributed to the relief efforts in some way.

"What they really need now is assistance with the cleanup process," Vandenberg said. "They need machinery and volunteers to help get the town back on its feet."

Mayor Manier thanked Orland Township's trustees and assured them their gifts will make a powerful impact on the community.

"I wish I could do this every day," said Vandenberg as the men climbed into their trucks and headed back to the place they call home. "My prayer is more people in this world can be compassionate and help their neighbor, like the people of Washington have done."

"It is an overwhelming experience," said Rubino. "Seeing how one town can seem so defeated, yet its citizens are coming together to regain what was lost. It's inspirational. And even if it's in a little way, I'm glad Orland Township's efforts will help."

As the men returned to Orland Township, they had a good feeling about Washington. It is a city that will rise from the debris because its individuals truly are Washington strong.

Orland Township's Relief Drive was initiated by Supervisor Paul O'Grady, who sends a large thank you to everyone in our community who donated to the cause. Your support is greatly respected and appreciated by all of us at the Township, and in Washington as well.

## *OLCHS Students Recognized For Perfect Attendance*

**Oak Lawn Community High School treated the students who had perfect attendance during the 2012-13 school year to breakfast and awarded prizes at a before-school gathering. Along with previous raffles, the students were provided a hot breakfast, gift certificates, and personal acknowledgements from the attendance dean's office.**

**The following students had perfect attendance: Seniors: Erik Abrahamson, Richard Alcantar, Kristina Balboa, Stephanie Barragan, Michelle Block, Crystal Cabada, Cesar Cervantes, Damian Cervantes, Natalia Gawelda, Jacob Kupres, Kyle Lavelle, David Le, Kathleen Mancillas, Daniel McGrath, Casey O'Connell, Anthony Ortiz, Megan Pripusich, John Saldivar, Derek Schapiro, Justin Schutt, Omar Sifuentes, and Kamila Zaremba.**

**Juniors: Gina Dymit, Cecilia Escobar, Diana Espitia, Alberto Fernandez-Vega, Samantha Germann, Mitchell Gonsch, Eliezel Gonzalez, Patrick Gudanowski, Matthew Hareza, Elizabeth Hunt, Nathan Jones, Christopher Kulik, Ashley Labuda, Rocky Martin, Shannon McGuire, Nicholas Minnella, Anna Oswald, Tomasz Parzadka, Johnny Pilny, Joshua Prince, Daniel Reyes, Ernesto Rivas, Richard Saldivar, Francisco Sanchez, Jacqueline Taylor, Matthew Tischer, and Janette Zamora.**

**Sophomores: Lameen Abdallah, Julisa Balboa, Arieni Cabanas, Kayla Cartolano, Nicholas Cavazos, Jacquelin Dominguez, Kara Egan, Marcus James Favila, John Figus, Cynthia Garcia, Aleksandra Gromski, Ariana Hernandez, Pawel Las, Fernando Lopez, Angelica Ortiz, Nathan Owen, Cole Psik, Sara Quiroga, Michael Rodriguez, Doris Serna, Richard Sheppler, Vaughn Smith, Viviana Vergara, and Michal Zasadni.**

**The breakfast was organized by Dean of Students Jamie Hernandez and Interim Attendance Coordinator David Saunders.**

**Pictured: Jacob Kupres and Daniel Reyes were two of the 73 students recently recognized for having perfect attendance during the 2012-13 school year.**

## Holiday Sports Camps

The Bulls Sox Academy announced that it is hosting a Holiday Chicago Bulls Basketball Camp and Chicago White Sox Baseball Camp over winter break at its main location located at 6200 River Bend Drive in Lisle. We want to remind you that while you're at home taking a break, the competition is practicing.

Are you truly looking for a one-of-a-kind camp? The Bulls Sox Academy Holiday Combo Camp is a two-day, eight hours a day camp that gives the two-sport athlete the ability to improve their offensive and defensive game in both basketball and baseball/softball. Half of each day will be spent fine-tuning your baseball skills while the other half of the day will be devoted to the basketball courts working on your game. Both camps are led by our professional Academy coaches. An hour long lunch will be given each day. Players will be grouped by age and ability level. The Holiday Combo Camp is open to boys and girls ages five to fourteen and will be held on Thursday, Dec. 26th thru Saturday, Dec. 28th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost of this special camp is only $250 per athlete.

The one sport stars have an opportunity to shine over between-lunch get-together with a Chicago White Sox baseball camp or a Chicago Bulls Basketball Camp being offered separately in Lisle.

The Chicago Bulls Holiday Basketball Camp will consist of shooting, ball handling and defensive drills to put the final touches on your game before the season heats up. Players will be grouped by age and ability level. This three-day camp is open to boys and girls ages five to fourteen. The camp will run Thursday, Dec. 26th through Saturday, Dec. 28th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The cost is only $160 per athlete.

The Chicago White Sox Holiday Baseball Camp is designed to make sure your athlete is ready for the 2013 season through a variety of offensive and defensive skills training including hitting, fielding, base running and much more. Players will be grouped by age and ability level. This two-day camp is open to boys age five to twelve. The camp will run Thursday, Dec. 26th thru Saturday, Dec. 28th from 3 to 4 p.m. The cost is only $[illegible] per athlete. For information or to register for a camp, go to www.BullsSoxAcademy.com or call 630-324-8221.

## *Chili Contest Winners*

**Oak Forest High School students Sedreaya Corpuz-Davis, Stefanie Miller and Bessy Chandy hold the certificates they won in teacher Vicky Vogel's Culinary Arts Class for the Best Oak Forest Chili of 2013. The chili that these three students created had a special seasoning blend of cumin and onion.**

# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Timothy Lloyd Banas**

Services were held at the Heartland Memorial Center, Tinley Park, on Sunday, for Timothy Lloyd Banas, 49, of Mokena, formerly of Chicago and Bartonville.

He is survived by his wife Dawn, his children John Banas, Hailey Banas, Kylene Kincade, Timothy "TJ" Banas Jr., Carol Rose Banas and Taylor Maxwell, two grandchildren and many siblings.

**Joseph P. Bouska**

Services were held at the McKenzie Funeral Home, Oak Forest, on Friday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Joseph P. Bouska, 93. He was a United States Army Veteran.

No survivors were listed.

**John Loren De Young**

Services were held at the Chapel Hill Gardens South Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Friday, for John Loren De Young, 70. He was a graduate of Blue Island Community High School in 1961. He was the owner and operator of Larry's Brake Service in Chicago Ridge for about 40 years. John was a member of the School District 125 School Board and Retired as Assistant Chief of Garden Homes Volunteer Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis, his children DeAun Tollner and Loren (Jerry) Schmidt and four grandchildren.

**Robert J. Fagan**

Mass was said at St. Linus Church, Oak Lawn, on Wednesday, with interment at a later date, for Robert J. Fagan, 80. He was a Korean War Veteran. He was a 39 year employee of Illinois Bell PBX and a 50 year member of Local 134 union.

He is survived by his wife Vivian, his children Janet (Steven M.D.) Armbrust, Karen (Anthony) Iantorno, Elizabeth (Mark) Hoffman, Valerie (Paul) Szymanski and Robert M. (Heather M.D.) Fagan, eighteen grandchildren, his sister Ann McShane and his brother Jack (Marise) Fagan.

**Ethel Mae Fenn**

Services were held at the Christ Lutheran Church, Orland Park, on Tuesday, with entombment at Christ Lutheran Cemetery, for Ethel Mae Fenn. She was the wife of the late William. She was the founder and owner of Fenn Landscaping with her husband for over 50 years.

She is survived by her children Judith (Karoly) Mengyan, Jill (Robert) Shutay and Erika (John) Joyce, eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

**Alan X. Gotsch**

Services were held at the Hickey Memorial Chapel, Midlothian, on Wednesday, with interment at Mt. Vernon Cemetery, for Alan X. Gotsch, 40.

He is survived by his parents Don and Juanita Gotsch and his brothers Chuck (Kristen) and Daniel Gotsch.

**Terran J. Lucitt**

Services were held at the Kosary Funeral Home, Evergreen Park, on Dec. 10, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery, for Terran J. Lucitt, 72, a veteran.

He is survived by his children Karen (Brian) Woodhouse, Tracy (Sumi) Contractor and Brian (Katie) Lucitt, four grandchildren and his sister Penny Svienty.

**Raymond C. Lund**

Services were held in Orland Park with interment at Orland Memorial Park Cemetery, for Raymond C. Lund, 60.

He is survived by his mother Lorraine, his sister Linda (Timothy) Kehoe and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

**Gerald J. O'Neill**

Services were held at the Lawn Funeral Home, Burbank, on Wednesday, with a private interment, for Gerald J. O'Neill. He was a 50 year member of the Electricians Union Local 134. He was the husband of the late Beatrice and Joan.

He is survived by his wife Mari Jo, his children Victoria (Robert) Connolly, Marie (Joseph) Domini, Patricia (Kevin) Stewart, Shannon, Erin, John, & James, twenty-two grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and his brother Joseph D. O'Neill.

**Helen Nina Paul**

Services were held at the Gerardi Funeral Home, Frankfort, on Friday, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Helen Nina Paul, 84, late of Hazel Crest. She was the wife of the late John. She was an insurance claims examiner. She taught Sunday school and was the oldest continuous member of the United Methodist Church of Hazel Crest who was involved numerous civic activities.

She is survived by daughter Beverly Foreman.

**George W. Paulson Jr.**

Services were held at the Salem United Church of Christ, Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery, for George W. Paulson, Jr. of Palos Heights. He was a member of the Palos Lions Club and was the recipient of the Melvin Jones Award, the highest award for Lions Club Members. He was 78.

He is survived by his wife Sara, his children Martin (Barbara) Paulson, Helene Paulson and Pamela Paulson and two grandchildren.

**Jack Louis Payan**

Services were held at the Palos United Methodist Church, Palos Heights, on Friday, Dec. 6, with interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, for Jack Louis Payan, 83, of Palos Heights, formerly of Markham who died on December 1st. He was a graduate of Thornton Township High School and graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in education. He was a lifetime member of the EIU Alumni Association, the El Club, the Panther Club and the Foundation Board. He earned a Distinguished Alumnus and a Centennial 100 by the university. He was inducted into the EIU Athletic Hall of Fame as a "Friend of Athletics" in 2013. He served in Germany with the US Army during the Korean War after, which he was the editor of the Mattoon Daily Journal Gazette. He was an independent insurance agent for 51 years. In 1955 he was a partner in an insurance partnership in Oak Forest. In 1958 he bought out the partnership which later became the Jack Payan Company. In 1970, he merged into the Payan-Stutt Corporation in Palos Heights and became the agency president. Payan served for many years as a Little League and Babe Ruth League baseball manager and also was in youth basketball in the Markham Park District. He became president of the Markham Chamber of Commerce, was a Red Cross Chairman and a Commissioner for the Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of the Markham Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9801. He served on the city board of appeals and was a trustee of the Markham Methodist Church. In 1968 he was elected Bremen Township Clerk.

He is survived by his wife Ann, his children Clark (Terry), Craig (Mary Jo), Jay (Karen) and Lance, ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.


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## Cracking Down On Drunk Drivers

From now thru Jan. 5th of the New Year Oak Lawn Police will be out in force as part of the annual Illinois "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" crackdown on drunk drivers. The statewide crackdown will include high visibility alcohol & seat belt enforcement throughout Oak Lawn.

The statewide crackdown will also be supported by national and state paid advertising, creating a comprehensive campaign to curb drunk driving during the holiday season.

The Oak Lawn Police said its officers will be aggressively looking for drunk drivers during the crackdown and will arrest anyone caught driving drunk. In addition, front and back seat belt law violators will be ticketed.

The Oak Lawn Police are giving fair warning to all partygoers. "You'll see us making lots of stops during this highly visible enforcement period and if we suspect anyone is driving while intoxicated, officers will show zero tolerance for drunk driving," said Sgt. Brewer.

Data shows the holiday season is a particularly deadly time due to the increased number of drunk drivers on the roads, and the Oak Lawn Police are prepared to stop and arrest any drunk driver they see to keep roads safe.

"The December holiday season is the 'most wonderful time of the year,' and we are going to keep our roads safe for travelers heading to visit friends and family," said Sgt. Brewer. "This holiday we will show zero tolerance for drunk drivers on the road. If you choose to drive drunk, we will see you, we will stop you and you will be arrested."

Sgt. Brewer noted that being arrested for driving drunk brings a wide range of negative consequences into one's life. Drunk drivers face jail time, loss of their driver licenses, and steep financial consequences such as higher insurance rates, attorney fees, court costs, lost time at work, and the potential loss of job. When family, friends and co-workers find out, violators also often face tremendous personal embarrassment.

"Driving drunk is simply not worth the risk. So don't take the chance. Remember, we will be out in force and we will be watching; so 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over'," said Sgt. Brewer.

The law enforcement crackdown is funded by federal traffic safety funds through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

# Police Seek Information

On Nov. 30th around 11 a.m. Evergreen Park Police responded to the 2800 block of West 103rd Street for a fight involving several subjects. Officers learned that the incident consisted of a fight with a single offender who allegedly chased a couple of people with a Pontiac Grand Prix around a house and then got into a Ford Taurus and rammed that vehicle into a fence. Witnesses parked in the driveway. The offender then fled the scene in the Pontiac prior to police arrival. Information concerning the offender and vehicle was obtained.

On Dec. 1st at 1:44 p.m. officers responded to the report of shots fired at the same location in the 2800 block of 103rd Street. Six rounds had been fired into the picture window of the home. No residents were injured. A suspect was observed entering a white Lexus being driven by another subject and fled east bound from the scene. A witness alleged that the offender from this incident was the same offender from the previous incident.

The alleged offender Terrell C. Price, 25, of Chicago, was located in Chicago and detained by Chicago police and was later transported to the Evergreen Park Police Department by Evergreen Park officers. An extensive investigation of both incidents was conducted by the Investigation Division, with possible charges being referred to the Cook County States Attorney's office. On Dec. 4th the following misdemeanor complaints were signed by two victims against the offender for the incident occurring on Nov. 30th: two counts of Criminal Damage to Property, one count of Criminal Trespass to Vehicle, and one count of Reckless Driving.

The Assistant States Attorney denied any felony charges in connection with the shots fired in the incident occurring on Dec. 1st.

If anyone has new information concerning that incident, they are asked to contact the Evergreen Park Police Department at (708) 422-2142.


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## $2.1 Billion Settlement Over Foreclosure Abuses

Attorney General Lisa Madigan on Dec. 19th joined with 49 attorneys general and the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to announce a $2.1 billion settlement with Ocwen Financial Corporation to address allegations of "robo-signing" of foreclosure documents and other fraudulent practices while servicing loans of struggling homeowners.

The settlement addresses mortgage servicing misconduct by Atlanta-based Ocwen and two companies it acquired – Homeward Residential Inc. and Litton Home Servicing LP. Ocwen specializes in servicing high-risk mortgage loans. According to a complaint filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, the misconduct resulted in premature and unauthorized foreclosures, violations of homeowners' rights and protections and the use of false and deceptive documents and affidavits.

"This settlement is part of my ongoing work to hold banks and servicers accountable for fraudulent conduct that affected many Illinois homeowners struggling to save their homes," Madigan said. "Similar to the national mortgage settlement, this settlement will provide loan refinancing and direct payments to harmed borrowers."

Under the agreement, Ocwen must provide $2 billion in first-lien principal reduction loan modifications and $125 million for cash payments to borrowers on more than 185,000 foreclosed loans. In Illinois, Ocwen will provide troubled borrowers with more than $91 million in first lien principal reductions and more than 7,900 borrowers will be eligible for a direct cash payment.

The settlement is an extension of the landmark $25 billion national mortgage settlement reached in 2012 by Madigan, her counterparts and the federal government with Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Citibank and Ally Bank, formerly GMAC, which addressed similar allegations of misconduct and overhauled the country's mortgage servicing standards to prevent future abuses during the foreclosure process. It has provided nearly $2 billion in total relief to Illinois homeowners and organizations working with homeowners and communities impacted by the foreclosure crisis.

The Ocwen settlement does not grant immunity from criminal offenses and would not affect criminal prosecutions. The agreement does not prevent homeowners or investors from pursuing individual, institutional or class action civil cases. The agreement also preserves the authority of state attorneys general and federal agencies to investigate and pursue other aspects of the mortgage crisis, including securities cases.

Ocwen Financial will contact affected borrowers directly. Borrowers can also contact Ocwen directly at 1 (800) 337-6695 to obtain more information or contact Madigan's Homeowner's Helpline, 1 (866) 544-7151 or visit her website.

The monitor of the national mortgage settlement, Joseph A. Smith, Jr., will also oversee Ocwen's settlement implementation and compliance.

Long before the settlement announcement, Attorney General Madigan has led the country in taking legal action against banks, lenders and other financial institutions for unlawful financial misconduct that contributed to the country's economic collapse.

Madigan became the first attorney general in the nation to sue a national bank for fair lending violations. Madigan and the U.S. Department of Justice secured a $175 million national settlement to resolve allegations that Wells Fargo illegally targeted African American and Latino borrowers for sales of the lender's poorest quality and most expensive mortgages during the height of the subprime mortgage lending spree. Madigan and the Civil Rights Division of DOJ also reached a $335 million national settlement with Countrywide, once the nation's largest mortgage lender, to resolve similar allegations of fair lending violations. The settlement has provided restitution to harmed Illinois borrowers and is the largest settlement of a fair lending lawsuit ever obtained by a state attorney general.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 2 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JANUARY 2 – Thursday – Traffic Review Committee Meeting, Municipal Center Auditorium, 9446 Raymond, 8 p.m.

JANUARY 3 – Friday – Worth Township Senior Citizens Org. Meeting, Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, 12:30 p.m.

JANUARY 4 – Saturday – District 11 "Trustee Is In," Municipal Center, 9446 Raymond, 9 a.m. to noon

JANUARY 6 – Monday – Planning & Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 6 – Monday – Fire Department Club Meeting, VFW, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JANUARY 7 – Tuesday – Civil Service Commission, 9446 Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

JANUARY 8 – Wednesday – Free Blood Pressure Screenings, Oak Lawn Library, 5300 W. 95th St., 10 to 11 a.m.

JANUARY 8 – Wednesday – Fire & Police Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

JANUARY 9 – Thursday – Architectural Review & Design Commission, 9446 S. Raymond, 7 p.m.

JANUARY 9 – Thursday – Athletic Club Auxiliary Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JANUARY 13 – Monday – Business Development Commission Meeting, 9446 S. Raymond, 6:30 p.m.

JANUARY 13 – Monday – Oak Lawn Park Board Meeting, 4625 W. 110th St., 7 p.m.

JANUARY 14 – Tuesday – OL Village Board Meeting, Municipal Building, 9446 Raymond, 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 14 – Tuesday – Village Hall open to 8 p.m.

JANUARY 14 – Tuesday – VFW 5220 Meeting, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

JANUARY 15 – Wednesday – Oak Lawn Community High School District 229 Board Meeting, 9400 Southwest Highway, Board Room 119, 8 p.m.

JANUARY 16 – Thursday – Athletic Club Meeting, VFW Hall, 9514 S. 52nd Ave., 8 p.m.

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## Celebrate New Year's Eve

Bring in the New Year with the Oak Lawn Park District's Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., on Tuesday, Dec. 31st. Celebrate the last day of 2013 with a night filled with music and great food.

Enjoy a special dinner menu that includes steak or chicken from 8-9 p.m. After dinner, the Katie Sullivan Band will provide the entertainment starting at 9:30 and a champagne toast will take place at midnight. A cash bar will be available.

Dinner and entertainment cost is $35 (does not include gratuity).

Make your reservation today by calling 708-398-6284 or emailing bfairman@olparks.com. Deadline to RSVP is Friday, Dec. 27th.

*Have A Safe & Happy New Year*

# Amnesty Program Requires Payment By Dec. 31st

Cook County Assessor Joseph Berrios announced this week that his office has billed over $2,000,000 since July 1, 2013 for erroneous exemption savings received by taxpayers. To date, half of that amount has been paid back to the Assessor's office. Taxpayers have until Dec. 31st to report and pay back all erroneous exemption savings without being charged penalties and interest. Assessor Berrios is encouraging those who have erroneously received or who have come forward, but not paid back, to take advantage of the amnesty period.

To encourage timely compliance, Berrios has waived all erroneous exemption interest and penalties beyond 2013 and 2012 for the remainder of the amnesty period.

By law, a person is allowed to collect an exemption for only the home that is his or her primary residence. Once law is violated, the Assessor Berrios will pay the Cook County Assessor the funds to recoup funds from those who have improperly received homeowner, senior, disabled persons or disabled veterans exemptions.

The bipartisan legislation, unanimously passed by both the House and Senate, was signed by Governor Quinn earlier this year. Berrios proposed the measure shortly after taking office when his administration noticed a high volume of emails and anonymous phone calls reporting that people were improperly receiving exemptions.

Under the new law, the erroneous savings must be repaid in full by the end of this year to avoid penalty, interest, or threat of civil and/or criminal prosecution. A taxpayer who claimed three or more exemptions in error is not eligible for amnesty.

Taxpayers may visit the Assessor's Web site at www.cookcountyassessor.com to obtain additional information regarding the amnesty period and information detailing how to report erroneous exemption savings they have received. The Web site also allows taxpayers to anonymously report erroneous exemptions they may be aware of, to ensure that all taxpayers pay their fair share.

"I want to make sure taxpayers are all paying their fair share of property taxes, no more and no less," Berrios said.

Notice of the amnesty period was provided in the second-installment tax bills that were mailed in July and was also published in the newspaper.

The $2,000,000, once collected, will be returned to local taxing bodies to provide much needed funding for schools and other governing taxing bodies.

## Animal Education Courses

Animal lovers in search of general knowledge about caring for their pets should enroll in a series of four Animal Education classes offered at Moraine Valley Community College in the spring 2014 semester. Classes will be on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

Basic Animal Health provides a basic understanding of veterinary care so owners will be an active participant in the well-being of the family pet. This three-week class begins Feb. 19th. The fee is $80.

Sign up for Animal Behavior: Speaking Your Dog's Language to learn to better communicate with a family pet. Students in this two-week class will learn basic knowledge of animal behavior, which will help to enhance the human-animal bond. Class begins Jan. 13th. The fee is $33.

In Animals and Toxic Substances in the Home, the class will discuss toxic substances lurking around the house that could potentially cause life-threatening problems for an animal. Learn ways to pet-proof the home and what to do if a pet ingests a toxic substance or overdoses on something. This three-week class begins on April 2nd. The fee is $80.

The Basic Animal First Aid class will teach basic wound care, medication administration and handling a pet during transportation to the vet's office. Learn useful tips to keep a pet safe and comfortable as well as get suggestions on developing a pet first aid kit for the home. This two-week class begins April 23rd. The fee is $33.

Register today in person at the Registration Office, located in S125 on campus, or by calling (708) 974-2110 (TTY for the hearing impaired 708-974-5556). Participants also can register online at *morainevalley.edu* by selecting "Register for Noncredit Classes" under Academic Focus and then "Search, register and pay for noncredit classes."

# *Recreation Center Nears Completion*

**Moraine Valley's Health, Fitness & Recreation Center Nears Completion: Membership Drive Underway**

**Moraine Valley Community College's newest building is in the final stages of construction before doors open in early spring to offer a wide array of health and fitness programs and services, not only for students, faculty, and staff but also the community.**

**The Health Fitness & Recreation Center is the 14th building to be constructed on the main campus – the fourth in the past four years. The 113,000 square-foot fitness center and field house includes three full-size basketball courts, four fitness studios, one-eighth mile jogging track, four-lane lap pool, whirlpool, steam rooms and locker facilities. Construction began in December 2012, and a grand opening and ribbon cutting are scheduled for March 25, 2014.**

**A strong component of the new center is student employment. Campus Recreation plans to hire over 100 student employees before the center opens. With approximately 19 different positions, the HFRC is a great developmental and learning environment for the MVCC student body. There will be a host of free fitness classes, functional training classes, and specialty classes such as boxing, cycling, yoga, Pilates, and multiple types of dance. Personal training packages will be available for purchase. Members will be able to swim laps in the four-lane pool and or take aqua classes and swim lessons. Babysitting services will be optional for members as they workout. During the summer, children's camps will be offered for a variety of ages. In addition, the Bean Cafe will provide a variety of food and beverage options. Special deals with the Bean Cafe are going on right now for members who sign up early.**

**Hours of operation in the HFRC will be flexible to accommodate members' busy schedules: Monday-Thursday, 5:30 a.m.-11 p.m.; Friday, 5:30 a.m.-10 p.m.;**

**Saturday, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Sunday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.**

**Financial support for the project comes from the sale of bonds and student and membership fees. The Chicago Blackhawk Charities also donated $250,000. Negotiations to add a health partner continue.**

**A membership drive is well underway. There are a variety of monthly fees for members of the community, ranging from a $49 monthly rate for a single membership to $100 per month for families. A guest pass is $12 per day. For the current promotional prices and additional membership rates, call 708-608-4015 or stop by Building P on the Moraine Valley Community College Campus.**

# Madigan Urges Target Customers To Take Caution

Attorney General Lisa Madigan on Dec. 19th warned consumers to be on the lookout for unauthorized charges in the wake of a massive data breach at Target stores nationwide.

Madigan said her office is looking into the breach of customers' personal financial information and has contacted Target representatives to learn how many Illinois consumers are affected and what the company is doing to assist those customers.

"With the announcement by Target that as many as 40 million Americans credit and debit card information has been compromised, it is critical that consumers be vigilant in checking their credit card and bank account statements for any unauthorized charges," Madigan said. "If you discover an unauthorized charge, contact your bank immediately to dispute it. Consumers in need of assistance can visit my website or contact my Identity Theft hotline."

Madigan offered tips for consumers who believe they were impacted by the data breach.

Monitor your credit card and bank statements for unauthorized charges, especially consumers who used a credit or debit card at Target between Nov. 27th and Dec. 15th.

If you see an unauthorized charge on your account, contact your card issuer right away using the toll-free number on the card to dispute the charges. Some card issuers might require that you follow up with a written dispute in order to receive a refund.

Even if you do not detect an unauthorized charge, you can contact your card issuer using the toll-free number on the card and discuss whether it is appropriate to cancel your card and obtain a new account number and card.

Beware of callers who claim to be with your card issuing bank. These calls may be a scam. Consumers should contact their bank first at the toll-free number on the back of your card before you disclose any personal information.

Madigan is also urging consumers to contact her Identity Theft Hotline at 1 (866) 999-5630 for more information or to learn how to respond to the data breach.

# Environmental Education Competition For Fifth And Sixth Grade Students

Fifth and sixth grade writers and artists from around Illinois are invited to compete in this year's Poster, Poetry and Prose Contest sponsored by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) and with the partnership of the Illinois State Board of Education. This year's contest is focused on environmental justice and how to balance people with industry and learning about environmental issues in their own communities.

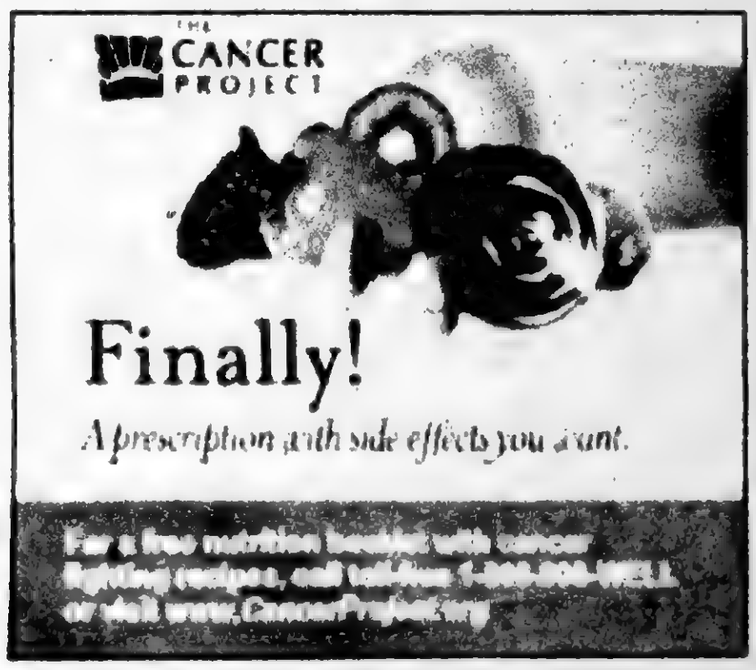
Each school can enter up to eight (four posters and four written) works. Entries must be postmarked and sent in to the Illinois EPA by Feb. 3rd. An in-house panel from the Illinois EPA judges all entries to select the finalists, whose entries are then judged by an outside panel of authorities to determine the top twelve winners. Following the awards ceremony and reception, these entries will be on exhibit in the atrium of the Illinois EPA's headquarters building in Springfield from March 31st through April 30th, and the top winners will be featured on the Illinois EPA's homepage at *www.epa.state.il.us*.

All finalists, together with their families and teachers, are invited to an awards ceremony and reception that will be held on March 29th at the Old State Capitol Historic Site in Springfield, IL. During the 1840s and 1850s, the Old State Capitol was the scene of debate over issues that led the nation to war in 1861. During the Civil War, as the seat of government, it was the center of the state's wartime mobilization. The capitol also provided space for local events aiding the needs of local residents as well as soldier relief efforts.

"You're never too young to start learning about the environment," said Lisa Bonnett, Director of the Illinois EPA. "We hope that students can learn more about the environmental issues facing their own communities and have fun showing off their creativity at the same time."

The Illinois EPA is one member of the Illinois Commission on Environmental Justice, which operates under the principle that environmental justice requires that no segment of the population, regardless of race, national origin, age, or income, should bear disproportionately high or adverse effects of environmental pollution. The commission is charged with advising state entities on environmental justice, analyzing the impact of state and local laws and policies on environmental justice and sustainable communities, developing criteria to assess whether communities in the state may be experiencing environmental issues and recommending options to the Governor's office and legislators for addressing these issues.

Information about the annual event can be obtained by contacting Kristi Morris, Environmental Education Coordinator for the Illinois EPA, at 217-558-7198, or by mail at 1021 North Grand Avenue E., P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276.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# Chicago Christian High School Hosts A Mix-It-Up Lunch

Students walking into the cafeteria knew right away that this lunch would not be a typical Thursday lunch. For starters, Christmas music greeted them as they walked through the doors. They were then presented with a card by students dressed like reindeer, and encouraged to find their assigned table for the meal. Today was Mix-It-Up Lunch.

Mix-It-Up Lunch was created by the Mosaic Diversity Club at CCHS. "We have hosted a variety of programs to improve diversity awareness for our students," said Mosaic sponsor Cristin Lenters. "This experience helps students embrace the diversity within our school." Students were given a card directing them to a corresponding table in the cafeteria. The random assignment guaranteed that any given table would be a mix of grades, gender, ethnicity and social groups. "It is pretty easy to stay in your social bubble for four years. Mix-It-Up Lunch helps students get to know new people," stated Mosaic President, Kyla Mitchell.

To ensure that everyone had something to talk about, cups filled with holiday-themed questions were on every table. A volunteer leader at each table made sure everyone was introduced and had a chance to answer the questions. Many teachers also participated and were randomly assigned a table. "We focus on community as a school. This lunch helps people get connected and have a little fun before Christmas," explained Mitchell.

The senior Mosaic Leaders take a break between lunches. Left to right President Kyla Mitchell, Grace Ige, Priscilla Hassan, Mrs. Cristin Lenters, Amber Hunt, Ashley Holmes, and Lindsey Wright.

# Recall Due To Potential Fire Hazards

The Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) has learned about a serious risk of fires or electric shocks caused by a specific artificial Christmas tree exclusively sold at Menards stores. The chain of stores has ordered a recall of 1,800 pre-lit Christmas trees due to a few incidents involving overheating, which could lead to fires or may cause electric shocks.

The recalled trees sold under the Enchanted Forest brand are 7½ feet tall with 400 champagne-colored diode lights, model number **287-1261** and its **UPC code is 741895425478**. People who believe to have purchased this specific Christmas tree should look for both numbers printed on the box and on a red tag attached to a tree branch.

The Christmas tree was sold exclusively at Menards stores for about $300 between September and November of this year, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

"If Menards has received reports of the tree's light overheating, melting or smoking, that is a call for danger, said State Fire Marshal Larry Matkaitis. "We urge those consumers who may have the recalled tree to act immediately to prevent a tragedy."

OSFM advises consumers who bought that particular tree to unplug it immediately and return it to any Menards for a full refund.

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## *MWRD Commissioner Adopt FY 2014 Budget*

By a unanimous vote, the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) have adopted the agency's budget for fiscal year 2014.

Commissioner Kathy A. Stevic, Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Employment, said that "the District is shifting from a waste treatment utility to a resource recovery utility, and this shift is placing us in front of many issues utilities are facing across the country. We are in a good financial position and have a solid capital improvement plan. We are dedicated to service and we are dedicated to research and development. In short, we are set for another great year in 2014."

This message was reinforced at a special meeting on December [illegible] when Steve Wetmore, vice president and director of research at the Civic Federation, presented comments based on the federation's report, *Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's 2014 Budget Analysis*. The Civic Federation applauded the District's capital improvement plan and practices and fiscally responsible [illegible].

The Federation commends the MWRD for continuing to [illegible] long-term planning to guide its operations and future projects," said Wetmore. "We also commend the District for adhering to its fund balance policy and maintaining substantial reserves in its Corporate Fund fund balance."

The Civic Federation is a nonpartisan, government research organization focusing on finance and budgetary procedures and practices. The full report on the MWRD's FY 2014 budget is found at http://www.civicfed.org/civicfederation/publications/MWRD-FY14-BudgetAnalysis.

The 2014 budget provides details on the MWRD's primary fund programs. The Construction Fund Program has 21 projects under construction. 37 projects have been awarded for 2014. The Capital Improvements Bond Fund Program has awarded 18 projects, 19 projects are under development. The Stormwater Management Capital Improvements Bond Fund Program plans to award 11 projects in 2014, and many more are under development.

## *Honor Cardinal George On 50th Anniversary*

On Dec. 19th, U. S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (IL-3) recognized Archbishop of Chicago Francis Cardinal George on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with an official statement in the House of Representatives. The congressman joined more than 100 bishops from around the world and hundreds of members of the Chicago Archdiocese in congratulating Cardinal George as he celebrated this milestone with a Mass at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

"For almost 17 years Cardinal George has led his people in the Chicago Archdiocese with his unmatched intellect and warmth. At Mass yesterday, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, president of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, very aptly described George as 'intelligent and articulate, courageous and curious, humble, zealous.'" Rep. Lipinski said in his statement. "I express my admiration for Cardinal George's devotion to the Archdiocese of Chicago and the entire community, and honor his lifetime of achievements."

## *Help Constituents To Stay Warm This Winter*

The cold weather is here to stay for a while as we've reached December. State Rep. Bob Rita, D-Blue Island, wants to make sure anyone who needs help staying warm this winter knows how to do that. State and local agencies offer a number of helpful programs to make sure the light and heat bills are paid and people have what they need to battle freezing temperatures. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program or LIHEAP, helps eligible low-income households pay for winter energy service. Comed, Nicor Gas and Peoples Gas all allow LIHEAP customers to pay a percentage of their income, receive monthly benefits toward their utility bills and lower any amounts overdue on their bills every time they make a payment by the due date.

Household combined income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level, and those whose rent is more than 30 percent of their income if utilities are included in the rent could qualify for LIHEAP assistance. A family of four making about $35,000 or less should qualify for help. To find out more, call the Energy Assistance Hotline at (877) 411-9276.

You can also find out more at that hotline number about the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program, which helps reduce energy costs through aid to make homes more energy efficient. And a number of state agencies serve as drop-off locations for donations of clothing, new car seats and food for those less fortunate.

More details about drop-off locations and all of the programs can be found at http://www.illinois.gov/KeepWarm. Local residents can also contact Rep. Rita's office at (708) 396-2822.

"Many people are still struggling as our economy recovers, and winter is the worst time to not to be able to pay the bills," Rita said. "My hope is by promoting all of these great programs no one who could benefit from assistance these next few months will go without because they didn't know where to turn. A little help can go a long way."

## *All Points Southwest*

By THOMAS E. GAVIN

*Elmer Lysen wrote many columns during his 45 years here at the Messenger and this is one we think is most appropriate at this time of the year. Originally it appeared 35 years ago this month prior to his death.*

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Back in the days before chain saws came on the scene, the Christmas-New Year vacation saw a lot of time sawing by many youngsters who had to help stock the wood pile. It was during such times, however, that many world problems, as well as family problems, were discussed.

Our father was in the construction trades, as well as farming, so the cold winter months resulted in his being home much more than in the summer. If you haven't pulled a long cross-cut saw through a 16-inch log you have no idea how much conversation you can carry on during the session. You stopped often to rest, of course, and to drive a little wedge into the cut to make the saw move easier.

The wood sawing experience is just about over. John Balcauski who cuts and sells wood from his location at 115th and Ridgeland made a chain saw available to me. It cuts through logs in seconds, but in the process the noise it makes deadens your ears so that you can't carry on a conversation even when you are not cutting wood.

I thank John for the saw, because it does make cutting trees and logs a pleasure, rather than a job.

But the reason I started to tell you about the wood cutting sessions is that I gained much information and learning from my dad during our wood cutting ordeals.

A topic which came up often for discussion was the matter of time, which we agreed to call a "Succession of events." After one of these long wood cutting sessions I made lengthy notes, and just this week, some 40 years later, I come across them. And with a New Year ready to make its debut, I thought I'd record a few of them. On top of that, the new chain saw here on the farm probably means my son Ronnie and I never will enjoy those quiet cutting sessions of yesteryear.

Even though I was young, at that time I agreed with dad that time creeps too slowly for youth. We want it to hurry as we dream of future glories, we want the days and years to pass swiftly, we are in a hurry to say goodbye to today, and eager for tomorrow to come – and come fast.

But then as we grow older we ask time to stay, to grant us a little more of the sun's light, a little longer to repair the mistakes. We would, if we could call back yesterday and bid time to return.

But we can't, and the sun rolls too swiftly through the skies causing the night to follow the day, and the changing seasons to come and go with lightning speed.

At 50, a man thinks of what he will do during the 30 years he has left to live – perhaps.

But at 70, he knows the time is fast approaching to close his books, balance his accounts, and get ready to bid farewell to the days and years that once promised to last forever.

As we agreed "Time is a succession of events." If you go to sleep and wake in a minute or wake in 15 hours, it's the same, so far as you know. When you sleep, time slips by.

If death is sleep, followed by awakening, it will make no difference to us whether we wake instantly in another world, or a thousand years later in another universe.

Time is a succession of events. The length of our life depends on what we do, how much we pack and crowd into our hours. The man of genius, with an intensively active, working mind, may actually live more in one hour than another many will live in 75 years.

The average old man in his three score and ten, lives a thousand times longer, in actual events, than a monstrous turtle that exists five and six hundred years and never lives at all.

Scholars have said that we live in "time and space." Time measures the length of our existence. Space measures our earth, controls our elements, tells us where and how far we may go – within reason.

No man has been able to tell us what time is or what space is.

One scientist has said that time never could begin and never can end. Another tells you "There is no such thing as time."

All we know, or rather think we know, is that apparently time passes. But the truth is, as had been said, that time remains, and we pass.

Life and time can be worthwhile or not worthwhile. Life is worth whatever we make of it. We cannot change nature, or change old age back into youth.

## *Cook County To Lease 35th Floor Of Dunne Bulding*

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle has announced agreements with two state agencies to lease the 35th floor of the George W. Dunne Building. The deals are expected to bring in more than $2 million over the five-year term of each lease.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) will move into the more than 20,000 square foot space on the top floor of the Dunne Building on May 1, 2014.

"Reducing the unused and underused space we occupy will save taxpayer dollars and help make County government more efficient," President Preckwinkle said. "Consolidating our real estate footprint allows the County to streamline operations and identify new ways to lower expenses."

The state agencies will move roughly 50 employees into the Dunne building. The office space located at 69 West Washington is in the central Loop with access to mass transit and walking distance to many Chicago-based governmental agencies.

The County will invest roughly $600,000 in construction and other upfront leasing costs to prepare the space, while the new tenants will pay the floor's more than $195,000 annual operating costs.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is responsible for protecting the state's 12.4 million residents through the prevention and control of disease and injury. Among the services IDPH provides are vaccinations to protect children against disease, testing to assure the safety of food, and licensing to ensure quality health care in hospitals and nursing homes.

The Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB) is an independent, nine member commission appointed by the Governor. Its goal is to promote the development of a comprehensive health care delivery system that assures the availability of quality facilities, related services, and equipment to the public.

"It's important we continue to explore opportunities to better maintain our real estate during challenging financial times," President Preckwinkle said. "Working with the State of Illinois to improve the services we provide residents is another way governments can work together towards the common good."

# *Orland Township Sends "Thank You" To Windy City Magic*

**Supervisor Paul O'Grady and the Board of Trustees would like to thank the boys of the Windy City Magic Basketball Team for donating what added up to four full shopping carts of food to the Orland Township Food Pantry.**

**Windy City Magic coach John Rost (pictured) dropped off the generous donation on Wednesday, Nov. 27th. The food was purchased with proceeds from the "Hoops Against Hunger" Basketball Camp held on Sunday, Nov. 10th, which was organized by Rost's son Jake and other members of the team. "Hoops Against Hunger" benefitted the Orland Township Food Pantry as well as Together We Cope in Tinley Park.**

**Thank you, Windy City Magic, for your thoughtfulness. Your kind donation is sure to brighten the holiday season for many families in our community!**

**For more stories like this, follow Supervisor Paul O'Grady and the Township on Facebook, www.facebook.com/supervisorogrady. Thank you to everybody who has contributed to Orland Township's Holiday 2013 Program- Your kindness is much appreciated. Happy holidays!**

# Creative Chicago Expo

The 11th annual Creative Chicago Expo will take place on Friday, March 14th and Saturday, March 15th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chicago Cultural Center.

The Expo connects thousands of creative individuals, businesses and organizations with local and national tools and resources to strengthen their enterprise. Last year over 7,500 attended this free event. Whether an artist, a musician, a fashion designer, an opera company, or an artisanal chef, the Expo has something for you!

Vendors and Workshop/Info Session Proposals are sought. Deadline is Jan. 2nd.

Use the online application to submit proposal(s) for 2014 Creative Chicago Expo Workshops and Info Sessions and to register to be an Expo Vendor.

# ZooCamp Honored

The Chicago Zoological Society's summer camp program has been awarded the 2013 Program of Excellence Award from the American Camp Association of Illinois. The program was selected for encouraging children with and without disabilities to work together in groups and interact with peers through cooperative activities.

This past summer, staff at Brookfield Zoo worked with a task group of experts and mentors to develop a "ZooCamp for All" program that would serve a broad cross section of families, including those whose children have a challenge with mobility, mental capability, or emotional and behavior balance and self-management. The staff received specialized training that allowed them to better meet the needs of children with disabilities, thus enhancing the ability for children to acclimate and fully participate in the program.

The ZooCamp for All Program was made possible through a grant received by the CVS Caremark Charitable Trust. The grant contributed to the improvement of services for children with all forms of disabilities and led to the development of a specific approach of inclusion by utilizing the support of families and the community.

"The Chicago Zoological Society earned this award for its determination and commitment to develop a summer camp program that is inclusive of all children," said Gordie Kaplan, executive director of the American Camp Association of Illinois. "The exemplary program establishes a benchmark for other summer camp programs."

Each summer, ZooCamp at Brookfield Zoo serves 1,700 children ranging in ages from 4 to 14. The camp is led by experienced educators who connect campers with animals and the natural world through games, activities, animal encounters, nature hikes, and zoo explorations. Online registration for 2014 ZooCamp begins in mid-March.

The Society's summer camp program is the first in the country to earn American Camp Association accreditation. ACA-accredited camps are evaluated for up to 300 health, safety, and program quality standards and have a demonstrated commitment to providing experiential education and learning opportunities in a safe and nurturing environment.

# Bond Denied For Convicted Felon

Bond was denied on Dec. 19th for a convicted felon who has been charged with First Degree Murder in connection with the brutal sexual assault of an 81-year-old woman that took place on Chicago's North Side 25 years ago, according to the Office of Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez.

Prentice Phillips, 48, was charged with murder after new DNA evidence was developed following a joint investigation into the unsolved crime by the Chicago Police Department and the Cook County State's Attorney's Cold Case Unit.

Phillips is charged with the murder of a woman who was 81 years old when Phillips, then 23 years old, entered her basement apartment in the early morning hours of July 11, 1988 and sexually assaulted her. According to prosecutors, Phillips knocked on the victim's basement apartment window in the 7200 block of north Sheridan and attempted to gain entry by posing as a Good Samaritan warning of a prowler in the area. When the woman refused to let him in, Phillips kicked open the door, striking her in the face with the door. Phillips then sexually assaulted the woman, took money from her purse and fled the scene.

Following the attack the victim was transported to St. Francis Hospital in Evanston where she was able to give police officers a description of her attacker. The victim, who suffered multiple abrasions and bleeding as well as a fractured rib, died as a result of her injuries four days later. The victim weighed 80 pounds at the time of her death.

After a review of cold case murders by Chicago Detectives in 2013, DNA evidence recovered at the scene of the attack was tested and found to be a match to Phillips.

Phillips, who has four previous felony convictions, is currently awaiting trial in a separate case in which he is accused of attempting to sexually assault a disabled woman who suffered from multiple sclerosis.

The next court date for Phillips was set for Jan. 2, 2014.

The public is reminded that criminal documents contain allegations that are not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the state has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

# Benefit For Children

The South Suburban Salon #480 invites everyone to attend their Card and Bunco Social on Saturday, Jan. 11th at the Mt. Greenwood Field House, 3721 W. 111th St. Doors open at noon. The donation at the door is only $3. There will be FREE coffee and sweets. Lunch will be served at a nominal fee.

There will be a raffle table of prizes and cash raffle. All proceeds to be used for children's facilities that treat Cystic Fibrosis, tuberculosis and other lung diseases. They also donate to Children's Hope Hospital. Any inquiries, call (815) 830-6028.

# *Adopt A Soldier Program*

**Marquette Bank, a locally-owned neighborhood bank, recently completed its 7th annual Adopt-a-Soldier Program, where care packages are sent to troops stationed overseas and in the US during the holiday season. Throughout October and November, Marquette Bank collected donations from customers, employees and neighbors to be included in the care packages. More than 80 care packages were assembled and shipped to soldiers from Illinois stationed overseas, whose names were submitted by customers, neighbors and bank employees.**

**"Our Adopt-a-Soldier Program is a great to show our support for the troops that are serving their country and who are on duty during the holidays," Georgeanne Krueger, Assistant Vice President, said. "We wanted to send them something to brighten up their holidays and give them a reminder of home." Packages were prepared by Marquette Bank employees and included snacks, personal hygiene products, DVDs, games, calling cards and other items not readily available in combat zones. Items were collected at all Marquette Bank locations.**

**Marquette Bank would like to send out a special thanks to the following individuals and organizations from Orland Park for including handmade cards and letters in the care packages: Linda Primozic's 3rd grade class from High Point School; Champions After School Program at Centennial School; Sandbox School; and Ladies Bible Group from Parkview Christian Church.**

**The annual Marquette Bank Adopt-a-Soldier Program is an employee-driven effort that is part of Marquette Bank's Neighborhood Commitment, where each quarter the bank focuses on a different area of need – shelter, hunger, education and health/wellness. For more information about Marquette Bank and its Neighborhood Commitment, call 1-888-254-9500 or visit www.emarquettebank.com/neighborhood.**

**Marquette Bank employees (left to right) Carol Wagge, Julia Quinones and Julina Govia prepare care packages for U.S. troops stationed overseas as part of Marquette Bank's Adopt-a-Soldier Program.**

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# ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## Children's Theatre Presents "Hansel And Gretel"

**The Children's Theatre Company of South Suburban College is back with an exciting and delightfully amusing variation of the Grimm classic, Hansel and Gretel, by Michele L. Vacca. Performances will take place in the Kindig Performing Arts Center on SSC's Main Campus on Saturdays, Jan. 11th and 18th, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Additional weekday performances will take place Monday through Friday, Jan. 13th through 17th, at 9:45 and 11:30 a.m. each day.**

**Hansel and Gretel live on the edge of a huge, dark, forest with their stepmother and father. They are very poor and have no food. Stepmother (Sandy Wagner of Lansing) sends Hansel and Gretel (Brendon Smelko of Munster, IN and Catherine Hundt of Thornton) deep into the woods to pick strawberries for their supper. The children have heard stories of a mysterious witch who lives in the forest. They only partially believe them to be true, until they become lost and actually meet her.**

**Madame Hagatha Grundilly Sweetbriar (Wendy Spencer of Beecher) is the zaniest witch anyone could ever hope to encounter. Accompanied by her two apprentices, Dizzy Weirdeena (Angela Martin of Midlothian) and Rasputin Machiavelli Vampiro III (Pat Nevins of Homewood), she lures Hansel and Gretel to her delectable gingerbread house in the heart of the forest. There she holds them captive, threatening to bake them into gingerbread.**

**One day while the witch is off haunting, the children's father arrives (Eric Pradelski of South Holland), searching for them. Dizzy and Rasputin decide to help Father save Hansel and Gretel.**

**Will Madame Hagatha bake the children into gingerbread or will their father be able to rescue them? Only the Narrator (Paul Braun of Lansing) knows for sure. Follow the trail of bread crumbs to South Suburban College and find out what happens next!**

**The play is directed by Lansing resident and Kindig Performing Arts Center manager Ellie Shunko. Set design is by Dean Scalzitti of Hegewisch. Lighting design is by Lydia Bellamy-Palma of Park Forest and Tina Drechny of Westmont. The costume designer is Joanna Tassin of Park Forest, with stage management by Dominic Bellamy-Palma of Park Forest. Heather Young of Burnham is designing the props for the production.**

**Hansel and Gretel is suitable for young and old alike. Tickets are $5 each, and group rates are available. For more information or to reserve tickets, call the 24/7 box office voicemail line at (708) 210-5741 or e-mail boxoffice@ssc.edu. Reservations for weekday performances are required as many shows are already sold out.**

**South Suburban College is located at 15800 S. State Street in South Holland, Illinois, between Sibley Boulevard and 159th Street. The campus is convenient to Routes 94, 80, 57, and 294. Free, ample parking is available.**

**"Hansel, put your finger through the bars so I can see how fat you've grown." Pictured from Left to Right: Angela Martin as Dizzy, Catherine Hundt as Gretel, Brandon Smelko as Hansel, Wendy Spencer as Hagatha, and Pat Nevins as Rasputin.**

## Chicago WinterDance 2014

The Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) is pleased to announce the schedule for Chicago WinterDance, Jan. 3rd to 5th, at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. The popular dancing series is the winter version of the popular SummerDance series, bringing people of all ages and skill levels together with FREE, introductory one-hour dance lessons by professional instructors followed by music and dancing.

The 2014 schedule includes a diverse musical lineup showcasing popular dance styles. WinterDance will take place in the Sidney R. Yates Gallery located on the fourth floor of the Chicago Cultural Center.

The schedule includes:

**Friday, Jan. 3rd**
7:10 to 9 p.m. – DJ Mellow Khris (Chicago Steppin')
6 to 7 p.m. – Dawud Shareef & Lura Shareef (Chicago Steppin')

**Saturday, Jan. 4th**
7:10 to 9 p.m. – Rica Obsesion (Salsa)
6 to 7 p.m. – May I Have This Dance (Salsa)

**Sunday, Jan. 5th**
1:10 to 3 p.m. – Tangata Ensemble (Milonga)
12 to 1 p.m. – Tango 21 (Argentine Tango)

Chicago WinterDance is presented by the DCASE. Admission is FREE. For more information on FREE arts programming presented year-round at the Chicago Cultural Center and other venues, visit *chicagoculturalcenter.org* and *cityofchicago.org/dcase* or call (312) 744-3316.

## Guardians Of Hope Dinner

On Friday, March 7, 2014 at 6 p.m. at Navy Pier, Holy Trinity High School will host its signature annual event the *Guardians of Hope* Dinner. The *Guardians of Hope* Dinner is a benefit to raise vital funds for intelligent, capable, young men and women in need of tuition assistance. This year's *Guardians of Hope* honoree is Joshua Hale, President and Chief Executive Officer of Big Shoulders Fund since 2012 and the organization's executive director since 2005.

Founded by a group of business and civic leaders in 1986, Big Shoulders Fund has raised over $243 million to support the network of inner-city Catholic elementary and high schools through scholarships, operating and capital grants, academic and programmatic enhancements and technical assistance. Mr. Hale said, "I am honored to accept this award on behalf of all of the supporters of the Big Shoulders Fund. We could not be prouder of the tremendous work being done at Holy Trinity High School to reach out and serve the community by providing an accessible, high-quality Catholic education for its students."

More than 500 guests are expected to join Holy Trinity High School in celebrating 104 years of commitment to the Chicago community and its youth. An icon of Chicago secondary education, Holy Trinity serves students from more than 45 ZIP codes. The dedicated faculty and staff provide the individualized attention, rigorous academic curriculum and strong moral guidance that will lead Holy Trinity into the next 100 years of excellence and integrity. For more information, visit *www.holytrinity-hs.org/guardians*.

## Free Art Activities

Get In, Get Art, a monthly series of free art activities for all ages, is offered at the Beverly Arts Center (BAC), 2407 W. 111th St. in Chicago. On Sunday, Jan. 12th from 2 to 4 p.m. Get Twin' explores the art of repurposing broken, old or tired objects, creating new works of wearable, viewable and functional art.

Activities are led by working artists, and include transforming clothes, including fashioning a new hat from an old sweater, restoring and repurposing lamps and picture frames; a hands-on Broken Art Workshop that shows how to create a fabulous work of art using bits and pieces of broken items; Broken Words New Stories writing activity; and break dancing.

Most of the activities are open to all ages. People are encouraged to bring broken objects, old clothes, old picture frames and other items to work on and transform.

Get In, Get Art started in September and will continue through August 2014, offering free activities designed to help area families find their place at the Beverly Arts Center and learn about the programs, classes, entertainment and events that the Center has to offer.

The next Get In, Get Art program is Get Global on Sunday, Feb. 23rd from 2 to 4 p.m. featuring the art of world cultures.

The Beverly Arts Center provides a full schedule of all-ages, multi-discipline visual and performing art classes, as well as concerts, exhibits, movies, plays and events. Winter classes begin the week of Jan. 6th and registration is open. Learn more at www.beverlyartscenter.org or call 773-445-3838.

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# Health & Nutrition

Linda K. Lysen, RD, RN, BSN

**Happy New Year to all!**

Enjoy your holiday and remember to choose your foods wisely! Ms. Lysen's column will resume next week!

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# State Urges Caution Towards Medical Cannibus Clinics

As the State of Illinois prepares to implement the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act (Act), the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) urges both physicians and members of the public to be cautious about setting up or visiting so-called "medical cannabis clinics."

"Unlike some states, Illinois law does not allow for 'medical cannabis clinics' or practices that exist solely to offer cannabis certifications," IDFPR Acting Secretary Manuel Flores said. "We want to make sure that patients who would truly benefit from the relief of medical cannabis are not misled and physicians are not violating the law."

The Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act does not take effect until Jan. 1, 2014 and rules for administration of the Act have yet to be finalized. The rules will not be adopted until the winter of 2014. Any entity or individuals losing their ability to help with compliance with the Act or offering services in furtherance of obtaining medical cannabis before rules are adopted should be treated with extreme caution.

The Act only permits a physician who has a bona fide physician-patient relationship and is treating the patient's qualifying debilitating medical condition to certify them for use of medical cannabis. A physician may only accept payment from a patient for the fee associated with the required medical examination prior to certifying a patient for use of medical cannabis. Physicians cannot accept payment for the certification itself.

There is no specialty in medicine that treats all the various qualifying debilitating medical conditions listed in the Act. This means that one physician could not properly treat all patients eligible to use medical cannabis. Additionally, IDFPR would not consider a physician to be treating a patient for a condition if the only treatment being provided is a written authorization for the used of medical cannabis.

Any physician advertising as a "medical cannabis clinic" will immediately fall under the Department's scrutiny. It may be appropriate for a specialist who treats one or more of the debilitating medical conditions to advertise that they are open to providing written authority. But, it is not appropriate for a physician to advertise that the purpose of the clinic is to provide such written authorization.

As evidence of the state's vigilance with respect to medical cannabis, today IDFPR filed a formal complaint against Dr. Brian Murray, charging him with violating the Medical Practice Act while attempting to set up a medical cannabis clinic.

The complaint alleges that on the day Dr. Murray opened the 'Good Intentions' clinic, he and a coworker were offering potential patients 'pre-approval' to obtain medical cannabis if they paid a $99 registration fee. Under the Medical Practice Act, such conduct is unprofessional as it is misleading.

During an on-site investigation of the clinic, IDFPR investigators found evidence of activity that appeared to be violations of the Medical Practice Act and, once the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act takes effect, would violate that law as well.

A copy of the complaint can be found at *IDFPR.com*

# Chicago Polar Plunge

One of the most popular events of the year, the 14th annual Chicago Polar Plunge, returns to the icy waters of Lake Michigan for one fun-filled morning and all in the name of an incredible cause. The Chicago Polar Plunge is the largest fundraiser of the year for Special Olympics Chicago. Last year, nearly 2,300 participants dipped their toes in or went waist high into Lake Michigan, in an effort to raise funds for the programs and athletes of Special Olympics Chicago. Known for its festive costumes and courageous participants, prizes will be awarded to top three individual fundraisers, top team fundraiser, best three individual costumes, best group costume.

Once the dive is concluded, all are invited to a "Melt Down Party" which will take place inside the North Avenue Beach bathhouse and in expanded heated tents from 11am-2pm. Admission is free and participants will receive free food and non-alcoholic beverages.

The event will take place Sunday, March 2nd, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North Avenue Beach , 1600 North Lake Shore Drive.

The Chicago Polar Plunge benefits SOC/Special Olympics Chicago, and is one of the organization's most important fundraising events of the year. Proceeds raised help to fund the programming, activities and events enjoyed throughout the year by the more than 5,500 Special Olympics Chicago athletes.

Chicago Polar Plunge registration is now open by visiting www.sochicago.org. At that website, plungers will have the opportunity to create their own fundraising page to jump-start their efforts. Registrants are asked to raise a minimum of $150. Participants are welcome to fundraise and plunge with a team or individually.

For more information visit the Special Olympics Chicago website at www.sochicago.org or call (312) 527-3743.

# Get Certified in Food Service Sanitation

Restaurant owners and managers who need the Illinois State Health Department certification or need a renewal can get it at Moraine Valley Community College this spring. Classes are being offered on the main campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

Food service sanitation classes are being offered on Mondays, March 3rd and 10th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is $189. Students will need to purchase a book prior to the first class.

Those needing to renew the food service sanitation manager's certificate should register for the Food Service Sanitation Refresher course. Students will be updated on the current Illinois codes regarding food service sanitation, and they must bring their current certification card. Attendance is mandatory for recertification.

Register today in person at the Registration Office, located in S125 on campus, or by calling (708) 974-2110 (TTY for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Participants also can register online at *morainevalley.edu* by selecting "Register for Noncredit Classes" under Academic Focus and then "Search, register and pay for noncredit classes."

# New Firefighter Fitness Program

Firefighters and non-firefighters alike are invited to take part in the new Firefighter Fitness Program at the Village of Orland Park sportively. The class includes strength and conditioning, mobility training, core training, TRX Suspension Training and functional fitness training.

Fitness Trainer Adam Hoornaert will instruct the class. Hoornaert has been leading a similar class in Romeoville for over a year that is a mandatory fitness program for the Romeoville Fire Department.

The program is being offered on Tuesdays from Jan. 7th to Feb. 25th from 7 to 7:55 p.m. for ages 18 and up (no class March 25).

Pre-registration is required with a cost of $65 for Village of Orland Park residents; $98 for non-residents and $60 for members. The class is limited to 10 participants. Registration and further information is available at the Village of Orland Park sportively, 11351 West Avenue. Questions may be directed to 708-645-PLAY.


## Illinois Concealed Carry Classes

Illinois Public Safety Training Group is now offering the Illinois Concealed Carry Classes. Illinois Concealed Carry has passed and applications will be available through the Illinois State Police in early 2014

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# OUTDOORS by Jim Kirby

**REGIONAL OUTDOOR REPORTS: *Illinois:** The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is reminding snowmobile operators and riders to take extra caution this year when snow falls in Illinois. Every year throughout the state, people are seriously hurt or lose their lives on snowmobiles. Many of these accidents could have been prevented had reasonable and proper precautions been taken.

In most cases, being alert and sober, knowing the trail, and traveling at a reasonable rate of speed for trail conditions can prevent most accidents. In North America, more than 50 percent of snowmobile fatalities involve intoxicated operators. Last season in Illinois (2012-2013) 34 snowmobile accidents resulted in three fatalities.

While the IDNR encourages everyone to take a snowmobile safety class before their first ride of the season, state law requires that persons at least 12 years of age and less than 16 years must have in possession a valid Safety Education Certificate of competency issued by the IDNR in order to operate a snowmobile alone. *Eagle watching, Pere Marquette State Park Bald Eagle Days: Enjoy watching bald eagles on the Illinois and Mississippi rivers near Pere Marquette Park this winter by participating in one of the park's popular Bald Eagle Days tours. The informative programs about bald eagles are conducted on select dates from late December through early March. All programs begin at the Pere Marquette State Park Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m. and reservations are required by calling 618-786-3323. To check the schedule of program dates go to: http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/R4/PRM/Eagle Days Brochure.pdf

***Wisconsin:** Almost all of Wisconsin has received additional snow in the last week and snow depths now range from a low of 2 to 3 inches in southwestern Wisconsin to more than 2 feet in northeast Wisconsin, with much of the state covered with from 4 to 8 inches. *Snowmobile trails are now open in about 18 far northern counties, with conditions ranging from good to excellent. Cross-country ski trails are open and in good condition across the northern half of the state. Some trails are open in the south, but most of the snow has been light and dry, so conditions range from marginal to fair. *The cold and windy conditions have kept fishing pressure down in the last week. In the North, walleye have been the primary target but action has been sporadic on tip-ups. Some bluegill and crappie have also been found suspended off the bottom in deep water areas and perch have biting small minnows at a variety of depths. *(Wisc. DNR)*

***Indiana:** Winter has something for everyone at Indiana State Parks & Reservoirs. Bundle up outdoors to enjoy a hike on New Year's Day. Bald eagle watches across the state, re-enactments and all sorts of winter programs. Sit by the fire inside one of our inns, shop online and plan your summer camping trips. *Winter specials at Indiana State Park Inns: 2-for-1 specials are back on Sunday-Thursday nights. $99 Gift Packs, for a limited time, save money this season and purchase a gift pack. The pack includes a 2014 state park annual entrance permit, a 1-year subscription to Outdoor Indiana magazine, and a $70 State Park Inns gift card. It's a vacation in an envelope. Get it soon, only available until Dec. 31. *(Indiana DNR Press Release)*

***Michigan:** "We recently followed the three recent 'Pure Michigan Hunt' winners with a video series, and all three wrapped up an amazing year of hunting by bagging a bull elk. A 'Pure Michigan Hunt' winner receives elk, bear, spring and fall turkey hunting licenses, and first pick opening morning at a premier managed waterfowl hunt area. And that's not all – $4,000 ultimate hunting prize package. 'Pure Michigan Hunt' Applications are available for only $4 each, no limit, at www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt."

**●OUTDOOR CALENDAR: Jan. 10-12.** *Chicago Muskie Show, Harper College, Palatine, www.chicagomuskieshow.com. **Jan. 22-26.** *Chicago Outdoor Sports Show, Stevens Convention Center, Rosemont, www.ChicagoSportShow.com. **Jan. 23-26.** *Chicago Gun Show, Stevens Convention Center, Rosemont, www.ChicagoGunShow.com.

**●ILLINOIS NEW HUNTING AND TRAPPING DIGEST:** The regulations are now available at many license and permit vendor locations. The digest is also available online in PDF at www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Documents/HuntTrapDigest.PDF.

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## New Head Basketball Coach

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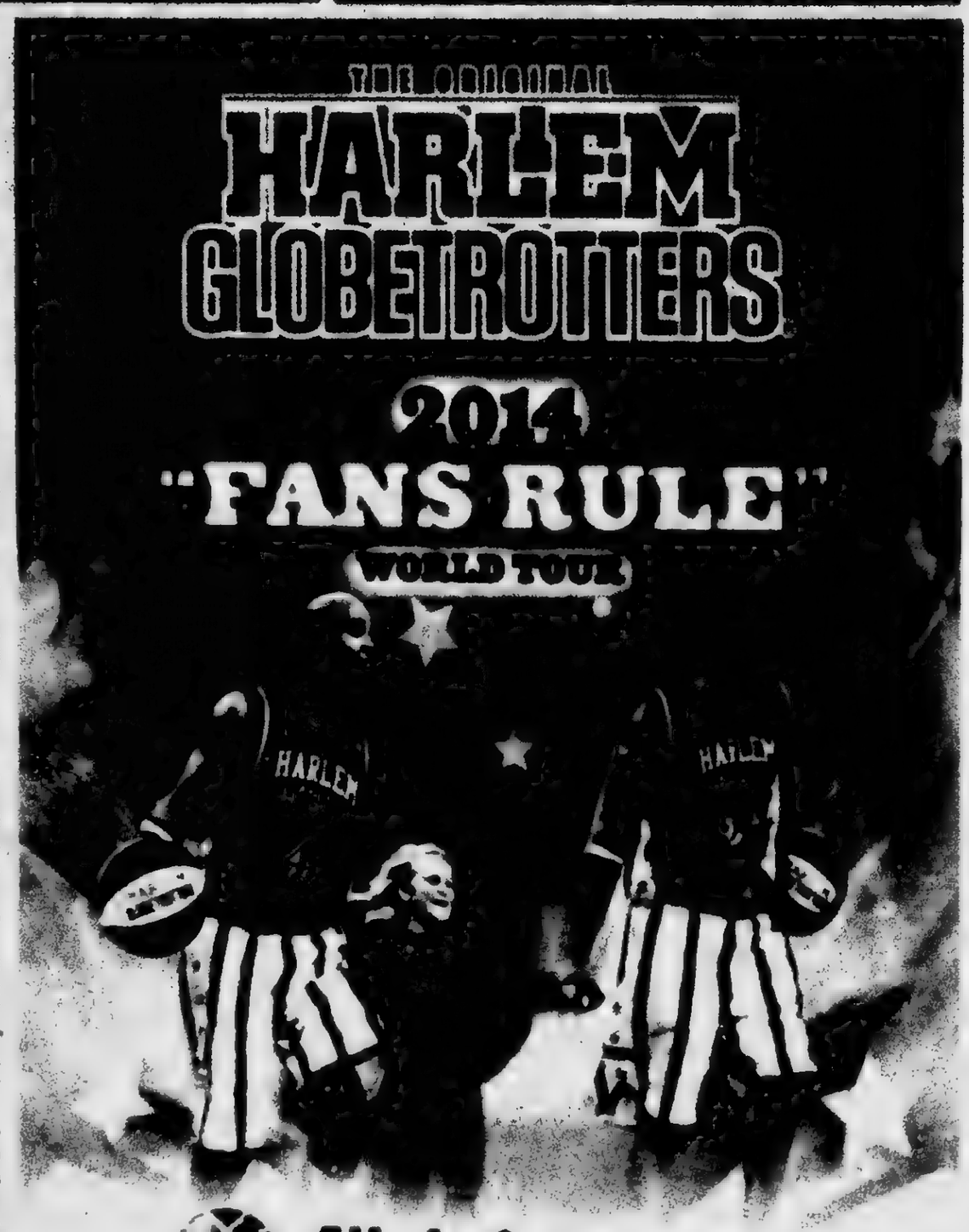
Coach Shimko created the George Shimko Basketball School in 1994 which provides quality youth basketball programming in Illinois and Indiana. A full complement of quality youth basketball programs, summer camps, leagues, teams and tournaments are available for boys and girls 5 to 18 years old. He also created, designed, and implemented the Chicago Bulls Training Academy in 2001.

Coach Shimko was hired to improve the quality of the Queen of Peace Basketball program. His theme for the season is "Expect More." Coach Shimko will be putting emphasis on the fundamentals of the game in order to create solid all-around players. He knows that winning games is the ultimate goal but for him winning also means having a great experience. Coach Shimko believes by teaching the basics of the game of basketball as well as being standards of the game, his athletes will work hard and find ways [illegible]

[illegible] program will be well on its way to greatness.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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause of [illegible] to Judicial Sale, Corporation will on Monday, January 13, 2014 at the hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A, Chicago, Illinois 60602 sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: [illegible]
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the assessment required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). The judgment amount was $[illegible]. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds at the conclusion of the auction. Balance, by 12:00 p.m. the next business day in certified funds or wire transfer. This sale is subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied and unpaid taxes, if any. The property is offered "as is" with no express or implied warranties and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information and to view applicable rules at www.tjsdlaw.com.
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# Veterans And Soldiers News

By Lori Taylor Ph: 708.388.2425

As many veterans struggle to find a job or start a career, the administration of Governor Pat Quinn hosted more than 100 veterans at the College of DuPage on Thursday, Dec. 19th to learn about starting or "growing" their own businesses as part of the state's "Mission Veteran 2 Entrepreneurs" (MV2E) program.

At the direction of Gov. Quinn the MV2E initiative was launched in June 2012 by the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) and the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS), with the goal of helping returning service members and veterans learn more about resources and opportunities available to veteran-owned businesses through government agencies, educational institutions, trade associations, business sector experts and employers. This joint agency MV2E program underscores Gov. Quinn's long-standing commitment to both supporting veterans and creating jobs.

MV2E was offered in three distinct tracks for veterans and transitioning military.

Establishing & Developing Business Concepts – For those veterans interested in, or just beginning, on the path of entrepreneurship.

Solidifying Your Business Foundation – Geared towards helping fledgling businesses grow, engage for government business contracts, and to help employ others.

Critical Resources For Today's Businesses – A more advanced track to help establish businesses master the market and enjoy a stronger financial and operational base.

"Through our Veterans Business Program, CMS provides veterans and disabled veteran-owned businesses information about doing business with state and its universities," said Simone McNeil, Acting Director of CMS. "Getting re-established in the civilian workforce can be challenging for our military men and women, and we are proud to help them understand the available entrepreneurial and employment opportunities in Illinois."

The CMS' Veterans Business Program (VBP) allows for Illinois businesses that are 51% owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or veterans living in Illinois, with annual gross sales under $75 million to qualify for certification. VBP encourages state agencies and universities to spend at least 3% of their procurement budgets with certified Veteran-owned businesses.

Presentations and workshops at the free MV2E event included information from companies such as AT&T and organizations such as the UIC Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies (IES), John Marshall Law School and others. Veterans also had the opportunity to network and exchange best practices with agency experts, key business associations, and like-minded professionals.

Since its inception in 2012, the MV2E program has provided training for over 600 veterans. This is the sixth MV2E seminar. For more information, visit *Illinois.gov/veterans/programs/Pages/Veterans2Entrepreneurs.aspx*

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Recently I received a postcard in relation to a book written by C.V. Schweitzer, entitled "The Shadow of the Rainbow," which I wish to share with you.

"When the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall was constructed in Washington D.C., the names of 12 people who were still alive were mistakenly placed there. "The Shadow of the Rainbow" is a fictional story of a man who woke up from a coma to find his name was among them and the devastating effect such a mistake had on a family. "The Shadow of the Rainbow" is written to boost the human spirit when faced with the grave realities of life. It reflects a family's pain, struggles, survival and eventually acceptance of life's destiny as it weaves its way from the jungles of Vietnam and South East Asia to the VA hospital in Alabama and the corporate offices of San Francisco."

The book is published by Xlibris and can be ordered by calling (888) 795-4274, ext. 7879, order online at www.xlibris.com, www.barnesandnoble.com, or visit your local bookstore.

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I was hoping to write about some uplifting news for this holiday time, but maybe this useless information may bring a chuckle. A person uses approximately 57 sheets of toilet paper each day.

Here is some interesting information. Myrrh is an aromatic gum resin that oozes from gashes cut in the bark of a small desert tree known as Commiphora myrrha, or the dindin tree. Legend says one of the three kings brought the gift of myrrh and placed it before the Christ Child.

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Quote of the Week

*I would define true courage to be a perfect sensibility of the measure of danger, and a mental willingness to endure it.*

William Tecumseh Sherman

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***Happy New Year and God bless you, and your family and God bless America, and our Troops.***

# Oak Lawn Library

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Local History Coordinator Kevin Korst's new book *Images of America: Oak Lawn Tornado of 1967* is scheduled for release the week of Jan. 6th. The book will feature 180 tornado-related images with caption and chapter introductions and will be available at the Reception Booth for $21.99 (cash or check). Korst's first book *Images of America: Oak Lawn* is also still available.

The library will host an overview of major provisions of the Affordable Care Act aimed at those 65 years of age and older on Friday, Jan. 17th at 2 p.m. Discover the provisions that may impact you and the timeline for what happens and when.

By the time firefighters put on their gear it can add up to 60 pounds to their weight. Find out how firefighters keep fit, what they eat and how to stay safe all year long on Saturday, Jan. 18th from 10 to 11 a.m. The program will include stories, equipment show and tell, and a Q and A session. Registration is not required.

A free concert featuring Tropical Sound Steel Drums will be held on Sunday, Jan. 19th from 2 to 3 p.m. Experience the spirit of the Caribbean Islands with a variety of tropical music, including reggae, calypso, soca, Latin & pop. Each set includes songs varying from Jimmy Buffet to Bob Marley to Harry Belafonte as well as traditional songs of the steel band. This concert is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

College Funding Strategies in Tinley Park will show you how to help your high school student choose the best college with the least amount of damage to the family's finances on Wednesday, Jan. 22nd at 7 p.m.

The library will begin an Adventure Club on Mondays, Jan. 13th and 27th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This new program will keep you guessing what will happen next. Activities will be based on historical happenings, odd occurrences and kooky celebrations that are significant for that date's session. Playing games, making crafts, reading books and even going outside could transpire. You won't know until you stop by, so explore with us. Registration begins 10 days before each session.

Preschool Storytime for ages 3-5 will be held during the month of January. Join the group and listen to stories, sing songs and create crafts. Storytime dates are Jan. 14th, 21st and 28th from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Registration begins 10 days before each session. No parents allowed.

Each month you can sign up and get a free book at the library. Read the book then come to Read Club for trivia, discussion, games and other activities about the book. Our first book read will be on Wednesday, Jan. 15th from 4 to 5 p.m.: Read Club Warm-up. Our second read will be on Wednesday, Feb. 12th from 4 to 5 p.m.: A Tale Dark and Grimm. Registration begins 10 days before each session.

Middle school/early high school students seeking service may earn 10 hours at the library by assisting the Youth Services Dept. with programs, cleaning and preparing materials for children. Winter session Jan. 13th through March 22nd. Registration begins Friday, Jan. 3rd. Orientation Monday, Jan. 13th from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

Donate your "gently used" books, magazines, CDs and videos to the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Ongoing Book Sale at the library. Due to space limitations, the Friends will not accept Readers Digest Condensed Books, encyclopedias and older textbooks. The donation drop-off area is near the library's Cook Ave. entrance. Interested parties may fill out a short form at the Reception Booth to receive a tax letter by mail that acknowledges their donation.

The Ongoing Book Sale provides an ever-changing variety of books, magazines and other forms of media at bargain prices. Hardcover books cost 50 cents each, paperbacks are 25 cents, and magazines cost 10 cents each. Audio visual items are priced as indicated. Funds collected from the book sale support library programming and purchases that are beyond their regular budget.


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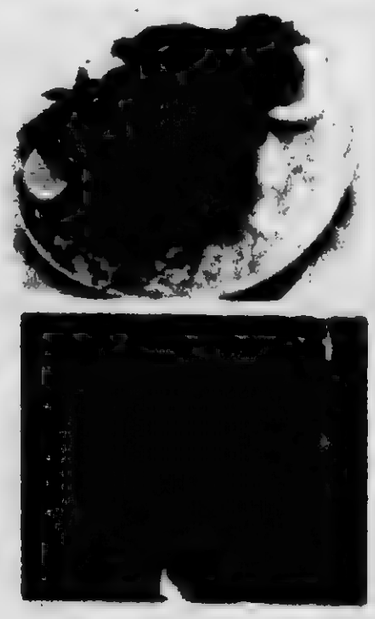

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION QUICKEN LOANS Plaintiff v. CLARENCE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, MATTHEW DANALEWICH (NOW KNOWN HERE AND LATELY AS MATTHEW T. DANALEWICH, WILLIAM BUTLER (PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF RAYMOND T. DANALEWICH DECEASED), UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 12 CH 29915 5555 RIDGELAND AVENUE APT 1A CHICAGO RIDGE, IL 60415 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 22, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 24, 2014, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5555 RIDGELAND AVENUE APT 1A, CHICAGO RIDGE, IL 60415 Property Index No. 24-18-100-047-1004.

The real estate is improved with a brick 3 story condominium. The judgment amount was $[illegible]. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit, which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF RAS NELVEL LLC 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606 (312) 267-1125. Please refer file to the sales department. Please refer to the number 15-1563. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn, Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA1215888. Attorney Code: 91220. Case Number: 12 CH 19917. TJSC#: 33-26166 (579224)

# REAL ESTATE

## Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff v. MARTIN LALLY, ANNA LALLY, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 12 CH 21599 8704 AUSTIN AVENUE Oak Lawn, IL 60453 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 10, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 29, 2014, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8704 AUSTIN AVENUE, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 Property Index No. 24-33-400-009-0000.

The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit, which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF RAS NELVEL LLC 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606 (312) 267-1125. Please refer file to the sales department. Please refer to the number 15-1563. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. LAW OFFICES OF RAS NELVEL LLC, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606 (312) 267-1125. Attorney File No. 14-15-27490. Attorney ARDC No. 3046852. Attorney Code: 27762. Case Number: 11 CH 10531. TJSC#: 33-26600. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 6 [illegible]

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff v. [illegible] MARIA CHAVEZ A/K/A MARIA DUAREZ, JUAN CHAVEZ, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants 12 CH 19511 1812 RIDGELAND AVENUE Berwyn, IL 60402 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 10, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 29, 2014, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1812 RIDGELAND AVENUE, Berwyn, IL 60402 Property Index No. 16-06-207-027-0000 & 16-06-207-028-0000.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $[illegible]. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit, which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Please refer to the number 14-09-24290. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Attorney File No. 14-09-24290. Attorney ARDC No. 3046852. Attorney Code: 27762. Case Number: 11 CH 10531. TJSC#: 33-26600. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 6 [illegible]

# REAL ESTATE

## Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY Plaintiff v. BETH PIPER (F/K/A BETH L. PIPER), CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. Defendants 12 CH 00845 8017 S. OGDEN AVENUE BRIDGEVIEW, IL 60455 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 21, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 29, 2014, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 8017 S. OGDEN AVENUE, BRIDGEVIEW, IL 60455 Property Index No. 18-18-200-012.

The real estate is improved with a residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit, which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: [illegible] ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Please refer to the number 14-09-24290. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300. Attorney File No. 14-09-24290. Attorney ARDC No. 3046852. Attorney Code: 27762. Case Number: 11 CH 10531. TJSC#: 33-24590. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 15-12522

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION WATERS DAY MORTGAGE, LLC Plaintiff v. PIOTR KOWALKOWSKI, MARIA T. KOWALKOWSKA A/K/A MARIA T. KOWALKOWSKI Defendants 12 CH 19551 7551 N. Mars Burbank, IL 60459 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 21, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 29, 2014, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 7551 N. Mars Burbank, IL 60459 Property Index No. 19-19-400-022-0000.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $[illegible]. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit, which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEVERS & MIHLAR LLC 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523 (217) 422-1719. If the sale is not made for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HEAVNER, SCOTT, BEVERS & MIHLAR LLC 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL 62523 (217) 422-1719. Attorney Code: 40387. Case Number: 13 CH 1563. TJSC#: 33-24590. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 15-12522

# REAL ESTATE

## Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE [illegible] ASSET TRUST Plaintiff v. [illegible] VERONICA VELAZQUEZ, STATE OF ILLINOIS Defendants 12 CH 40860 14758 KEYSTONE AVENUE Midlothian, IL 60445 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 9, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 30, 2014, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 14758 KEYSTONE AVENUE, Midlothian, IL 60445 Property Index No. 28-10-403-025-0000.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was $211,917.48. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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For information: Visit our website at service-ally.pierce.com between the hours of 3 and 5 pm. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, Plaintiff's Attorneys, One North Dearborn, Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 Tel No. (312) 476-5500. Please refer to file number PA0229182. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. PIERCE & ASSOCIATES, One North Dearborn, Street Suite 1300, CHICAGO, IL 60602 (312) 476-5500. Attorney File No. PA0229182. Attorney Code: 91220. Case Number: 08 CH 46574. TJSC#: 33-26585 (578731)

# REAL ESTATE

## Houses For Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION CITIMORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff v. MAMOUN DARHAMALI, RIDGE COVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 12 CH 4392 10909 RIDGE COVE DRIVE, 180 Chicago Ridge, IL 60415 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 11, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on January 15, 2014, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 10909 RIDGE COVE DRIVE, 180 Chicago Ridge, IL 60415 Property Index No. 24-18-101-108-1005.

The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was $135,481.79. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of $1 for each $1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed $300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

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If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit, which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LAW OFFICES OF RAS NELVEL LLC 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606 (312) 267-1125. Please refer file to the sales department. Please refer to the number 15-1563. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE. You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. LAW OFFICES OF RAS NELVEL LLC, 175 N. Franklin Street, Suite 201, CHICAGO, IL 60606 (312) 267-1125. Attorney File No. 14-15-27490. Attorney ARDC No. 3046852. Attorney Code: 27762. Case Number: 11 CH 10531. TJSC#: 33-26600. NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 6 [illegible]

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE OF THE NOMURA HOME EQUITY LOAN, INC. ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-WF1 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2007 Plaintiff v. NEELY, MIRANDA AND HUMPHRIES (FEA/ABLE OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. Defendants 11 CH 4371 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on October 22, 2013, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at Friday, January 24, 2014, at the The Judicial Sales Corporation, One West Monroe Street, Suite 914A, Chicago, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 840 Wood Street, Chicago, IL 60622 P.I.N. 16-06-206-[illegible]

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds balance within 24 hours by certified funds. No sale will be made for less than two-thirds of the judgment amount. The judgment amount was $164,192.64. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information: Visit the Plaintiff's Attorney Law Offices of Ira T. Nevel, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago, Illinois 60606. (312) 267-1125. Ref. No. 11-00291. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION, Selling Officer. (312) 444-1122. 5-78554

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT CHANCERY DIVISION MIDFIRST BANK Plaintiff VIRMA G. DAVILA A/K/A VIRMA LAVILA UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Defendants 12 CH 32775 Property Address: 14427 SOUTH CAMPBELL AVE POSEN, IL 60469 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Fisher and Shapiro file # 12-082168-19 is advised that interested parties consult with their own attorneys before bidding at mortgage foreclosure sales.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 11, 2013, Rubin Realty Services Inc. as Selling Officer will at 12:30 p.m. on January 15, 2014, at 205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1020, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real property. Commonly known as 14427 South Campbell Avenue, Posen, IL 60469 Permanent Index No. 28-12-214-011-0000, 28-12-214-012-0000.

The mortgaged real estate is improved with a dwelling. The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment amount was $264,013.40. Sale terms for non-parties: 10% of successful bid immediately at conclusion of auction, balance by 12:30 p.m. the next business day, both by cashier's checks and no refunds. The sale shall be subject to general real estate taxes, special taxes, special assessments, special taxes levied and superior liens, if any. The property is offered "as is," with no express or implied warranties, and without any representation as to the quality of title or recourse to Plaintiff. Prospective bidders are admonished to review the court file to verify all information and to view auction rules at www.kallerus.com.

For information: Sale Clerk, Fisher and Shapiro, Attorney # 42168, 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301, Bartlett, Illinois 60103, (847) 291-1717, between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays only. 5-71224

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# Southwest Area Obituaries

**Jonathan A. Bohne**

Services were held at All Saints Lutheran Church, Orland Park, on Monday with interment at First Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery for Jonathan A. Bohne, 30, late of Scottsdale, AZ and Orland Park. He was the co-owner of Imperial Crane Services. He was a graduate of Desert Mountain High School in Scottsdale and Arizona State University.

He is survived by his mother Gayle, his brothers Lancelot and Berkshire John "BJ" Bohne and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and nieces.

**Bonnie Anne Craig**

Visitation was held at the Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with private interment, for Bonnie Anne Craig.

She is survived by her husband John T., her son Donald Becknell, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, her brothers Horace and Morris (Dottie) Becknell, her sister Frieda Juarez and her step-children John David (Donna) Craig, Jackie (Donald) Moore and Brian (Helene) Craig.

**Donald Gonciarczyk**

A Memorial Visitation was held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Palos Heights, for Donald Gonciarczyk, 66. He had many years of services in the security and printing industry.

He is survived by his wife Sharon, his children Craig Gonciarczyk and Mark (Clare) Garlitz and his sisters Elaine Wolff and Diane Zdzarski.

**Robert A. Guth**

Mass was said at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Orland Park, on Monday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Robert A. Guth, 87. He was a veteran of WWII serving with the US Marines 3rd Division, Iwo Jima and Guam Campaigns.

He is survived by his wife Mary E., his children Robert M. (Chris), Glenn J. (Kathleen), James P. (Peggy), Deborah M. Tomlin and Mary Ellen (Don) Pawelski, sixteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Ronald M. Koschnitzki**

A Memorial Service was held at the First United Methodist Church, Oak Lawn, on Saturday, with private interment, for Ronald M. Koschnitzki, a Veteran of the US Army. He was the husband of the late Edna "Dolly".

He is survived by his children Donna (Tom), nine grandchildren and his brothers Leroy, Emil, Edward (Kae) and Wayne (Judy) Koschnitzki and his sister Laverne.

**Ralph H. Krichbaum**

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Friday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for Ralph H. Krichbaum. He was a veteran of WWII serving with the US Navy. He was the husband of the late Agnes.

He is survived by his children James (Jeannie) and Kathy Krichbaum, three grandchildren, one great-grandchild and his brother Russell (Joan) Krichbaum.

**Josephine M. Nowak**

Mass was said at St. Isidore Church, Blue Island, on Saturday, with interment at St. Benedict Cemetery, for Josephine M. Nowak, 88. She was a former resident of Roseland, Blue Island and Port St. Lucie, Fl. She retired from Carl Budding.

She is survived by her children Richard (Jan), Thomas (Peggy), six grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many siblings.

**James R. Ryder**

Services were held in Orland Park on Saturday, with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, for James R. Ryder, 62.

He is survived by his wife Mary, his children Brian, Scott and Leslie (Joe) Kehoe, two grandchildren and his sister Suzanne (Mike) Caley.

**Jack P. Stewart**

Services were held at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, Mokena, on Friday, with interment at St. John's Cemetery, for Jack P. Stewart, 74, late of Mokena. Jack was a member of the Mokena Lions Club for 28 years. He was co-chairman of the Mokena Youth Commission, was the Silver Cross Hospital Community Ambassador, and an Honor Flight Chicago Volunteer.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn Stewart, his children Brad (Pam), Jackie (Darin), Lisa (Don), Amy and Joe (Jaime), his step-children Lisa and Sean (Stacy) Henson, sixteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

**Jarmila Watters**

Mass was said at St. George Church, Tinley Park, on Saturday, with interment at St. Mary Cemetery, for Jarmila "Jarmy" Watters, 80.

She is survived by her husband James, her children James (Robin), Michael Conte, Ronald (Donna), Linda (Mike) (Cathy) and Susan (Kevin) Paloucek and Mitchell, Robert (Alaine) and Richard, seven grandchildren.


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## Drive Sober Or Get Pulled Over

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the Illinois State Police and hundreds of local police and sheriff's departments on Dec. 18th announced the kick-off of an all-out effort to take drunk drivers off Illinois roads this holiday season. The end-of-year campaign comes on the heels of data recently released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) showing an increase in Illinois' drunk driving fatalities during 2012.

The 2013 holiday safety campaign features the familiar "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" messages and has at its center stepped up DUI and seat belt law enforcement patrols focusing on the most deadly nighttime hours. Illinois motorists will see this life-saving effort in their communities and around the state from now through the first weekend of 2014. Law enforcement will conduct hundreds of roadside safety checks, safety belt enforcement zones and enforcement patrols looking for drunk drivers and seat belt law violators.

To date in 2013, overall Illinois fatalities have been about 2.5 percent higher than during the same period in 2012. The holiday safety campaign seeks to keep fatalities as low as possible through what can be a very dangerous time on Illinois roads. As of Dec. 17, provisional numbers show Illinois motor vehicle fatalities at 950 for 2013 to date, 20 more than the same period last year.

Recent data for 2012 released by NHTSA showed that Illinois drunk driving fatalities increased rather significantly from 2011 to 2012. NHTSA estimates show 2012 Illinois drunk driving fatalities (motor vehicle deaths involving at least one driver with a BAC of 0.08 or higher) totaled 321, compared to 278 in 2011, reflecting a 15.5 percent increase. Nationally, drunk driving fatalities increased 4.6 percent with 2011 fatalities totaling 9,865 and 2012 fatalities of 10,322.

Despite the increase in 2012, Illinois drunk driving fatalities have declined significantly since 2007, with federal data showing a drop from 439 Illinois drunk driving fatalities in 2007 to 321 in 2012, a 29.1 percent reduction overall, despite the one-year uptick in 2012.

IDOT data shows 10 people died in 10 fatal crashes last year during the Christmas holiday period on Illinois roads (including crashes that occurred from 6 pm December 21 to midnight Dec. 25). Of the 10 individuals killed last year, two lost their lives in crashes involving a driver who had been drinking.

The Illinois Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, and Click It or Ticket programs are funded with federal safety funds provided through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The programs are administered by IDOT and supported by the Illinois State Police and local law enforcement across the state. For more information about these and other traffic safety programs, go to www.trafficsafety.illinois.gov.

## Clear Snow For Postal Service

With a major snowstorm expected to blanket the region during the next couple of days, the U.S. Postal Service is asking customers to help our letter carriers deliver your holiday mail safely by clearing snow and ice from sidewalks, stairs & mail boxes. "Snow and ice make delivery dangerous and slow," Central Illinois District Manager Peter R. Allen. "Maintaining a clear path to the mail box – including steps, porches, walkways and street approach – will help letter carriers maintain consistent delivery service and help them get those cards and packages delivered in time for the holidays."

Customers receiving door delivery should make sure their sidewalks, steps and porches are clear. Customers receiving curbside delivery should remove snow piles left by snow plows to keep access to their mailboxes clear for letter carriers.

Delivery service may be delayed or curtailed whenever streets or walkways present hazardous conditions for letter carriers or when snow is plowed against mailboxes. "The Postal Service curtails delivery only after careful consideration, and only as a last resort," says Allen. "Any curtailed mail is attempted the next delivery day." Blue collection boxes also need to be kept clear for our customers to deposit their mail and for the Postal Service to collect the mail for delivery. Residents and businesses with collection boxes near their property are asked to keep them clear of snow and ice. "We want our letter carriers to be safe," adds Allen. "We can only do this with the help of our customers." The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.


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